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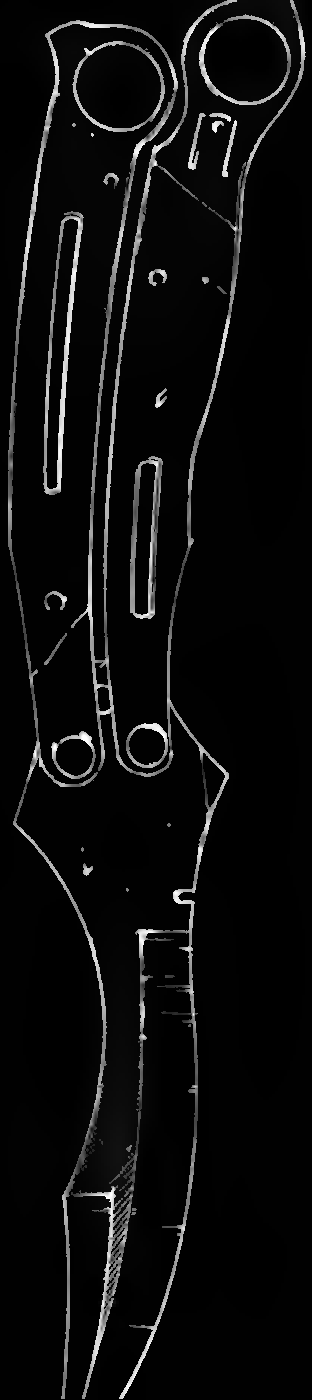

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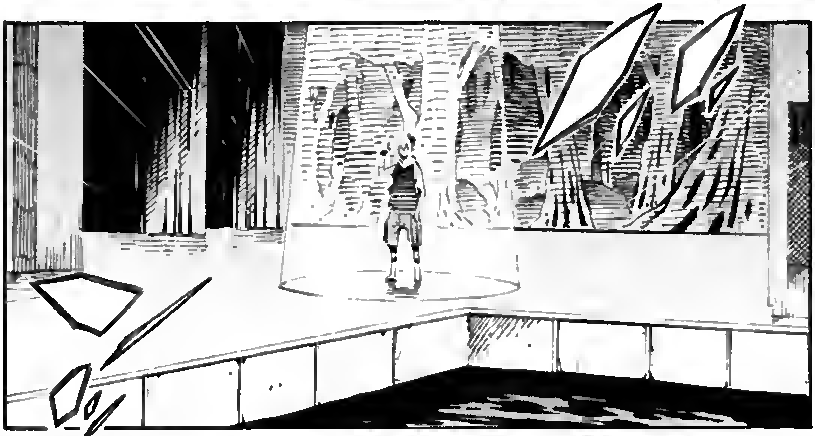
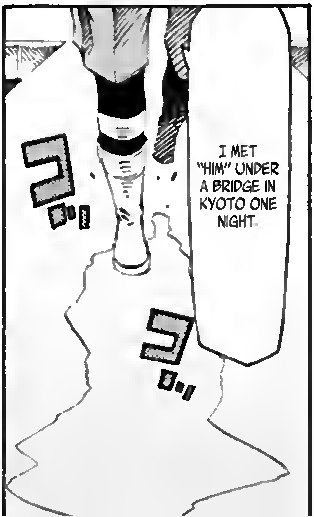
BUT LET ME TRY TO DO A STUDY OF THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ME AND "HIM"



ME TAILING "HIM" TO KILL HIM,
WAS THE CATA-LYST.


I MET "HIM" UNDER A BRIDGE IN KYOTO ONE NIGHT.

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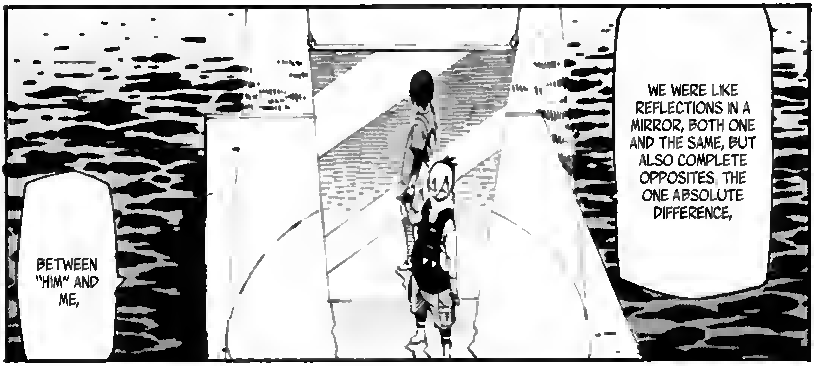
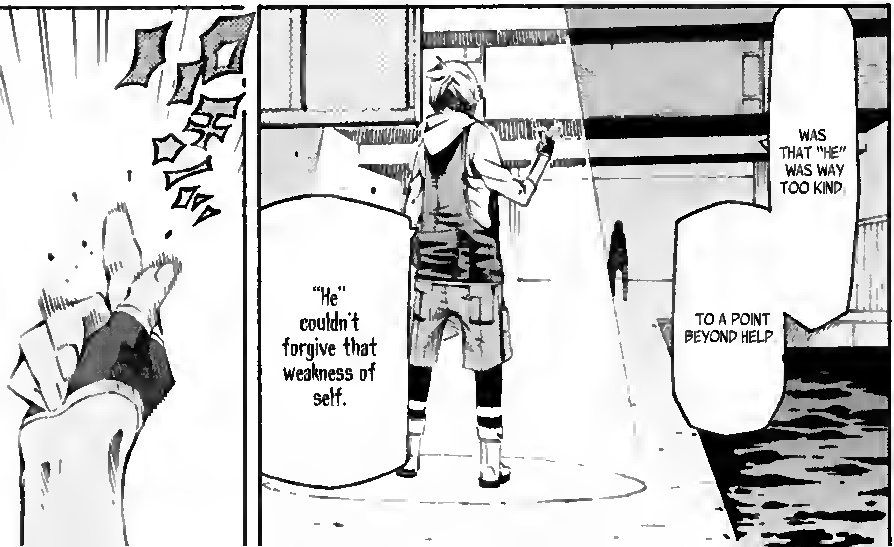
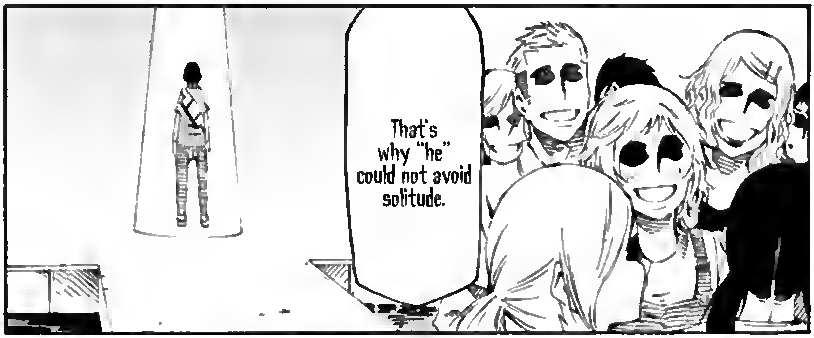

BETWEEN "HIM" AND ME,
WE WERE LIKE REFLECTIONS IN A MIRROR, BOTH ONE AND THE SAME, BUT ALSO COMPLETE OPPOSITES. THE ONE ABSOLUTE DIFFERENCE,


"He" couldn't forgive that weakness of self.
WAS THAT "HE" WAS WAY TOO KIND
TO A POINT BEYOND HELP.

WHEN ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS LOVE HIMSELF.
"HIS" MISTAKE WAS THAT HE ENDED UP APPLYING THAT TO OTHERS TOO

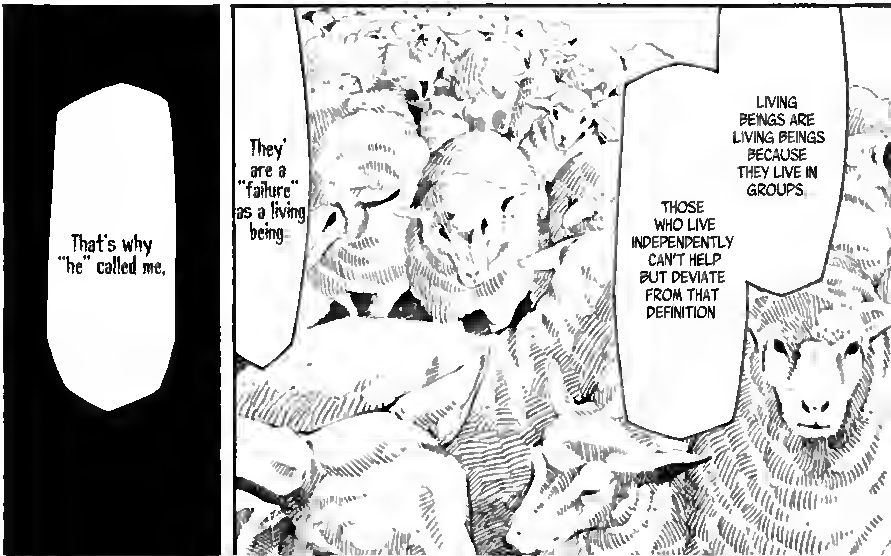

That's why "he" could not avoid solitude.

THAT'S WHY I CALLED "HIM",
AT THAT POINT, YOU'RE NOT EVEN A LIVING BEING. YOU'RE AN INORGANIC MECHANISM.
It's a fault which threatens your life and obstructs progress.
For living beings, kindness isn't an advantage or a pro or anything.

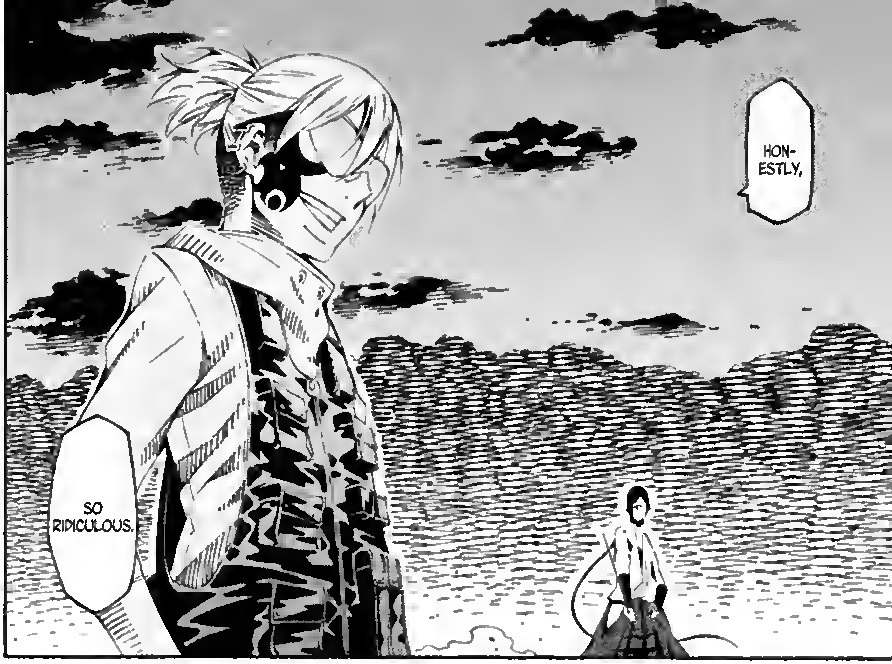
A "FAULTY PRODUCT".

I JUST CAN'T FORGIVE THE STRENGTH OF SELF
IN CONTRAST, I'M NOT KIND AT ALL.

HOW CAN I, WHO DON'T DEEM OTHERS SUCH AS FRIENDS OR FAMILY AS NECESSARY,
BE CALLED HUMAN?
EVEN IF I'M ALONE, OR IF PEOPLE AREN'T KIND TO ME, I'M COMPLETELY FINE.


That's why "he" called me.
They' are a "failure" as a living being.
LIVING BEINGS ARE LIVING BEINGS BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN GROUPS.
THOSE WHO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY CAN'T HELP BUT DEVIATE FROM THAT DEFINITION

T/N: "NINGEN SHIKKAKU" - TERM FROM ANOTHER ONE OF NISHIO ISHIN'S WORKS.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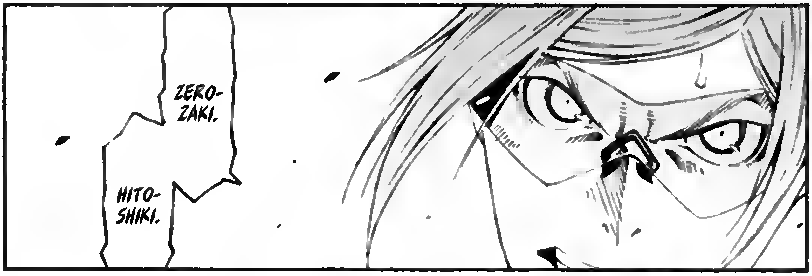
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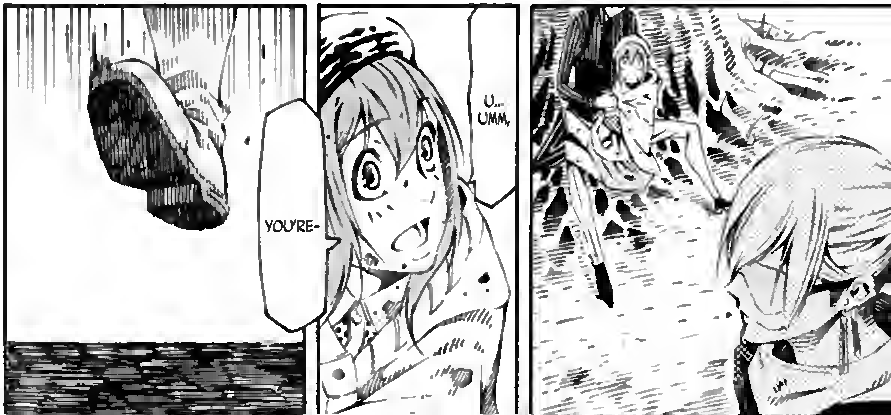
ZAKI.
HITO-
SHIKI.


YOU'RE-
U...
UMM,

!?
!?
DON'T TALK TO ME LIKE YOU KNOW ME LITTLE LADY.
I'LL GO AHEAD AND SAY THIS, BUT I DON'T THINK OF ANY ZEROZAKI OTHER THAN ANIKI AS FAMILY
SO I HAVE EVEN LESS OF AN OBLIGATION TO SAVE SOME-ONE LIKE YOU, WHO I JUST MET.
AHH, WAIT..

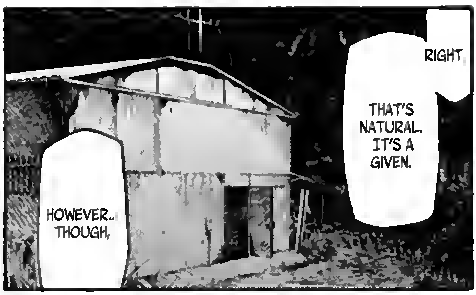
I originally came to kill Aniki so I guess I have no obligation to save him either, do I??
.....

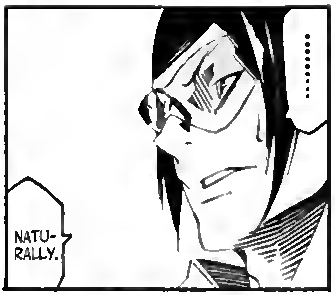
I CAN'T GRASP HIS TRUE IDENTITY
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY?

"LIMIT SKILL"
AND HIS SKILL EARLIER...

WHAT DO I DO...?
IT'S LIKELY THE WORST MATCH AGAINST A KATANA.
Kaha
Yup
.....
?
!?
That's what happens after all.
That's the normal reaction, right?

You don't jump in recklessly when you don't even know what your opponent's weapon is.
-Right?


RIGHT.
THAT'S NATURAL. IT'S A GIVEN.
HOWEVER.. THOUGH.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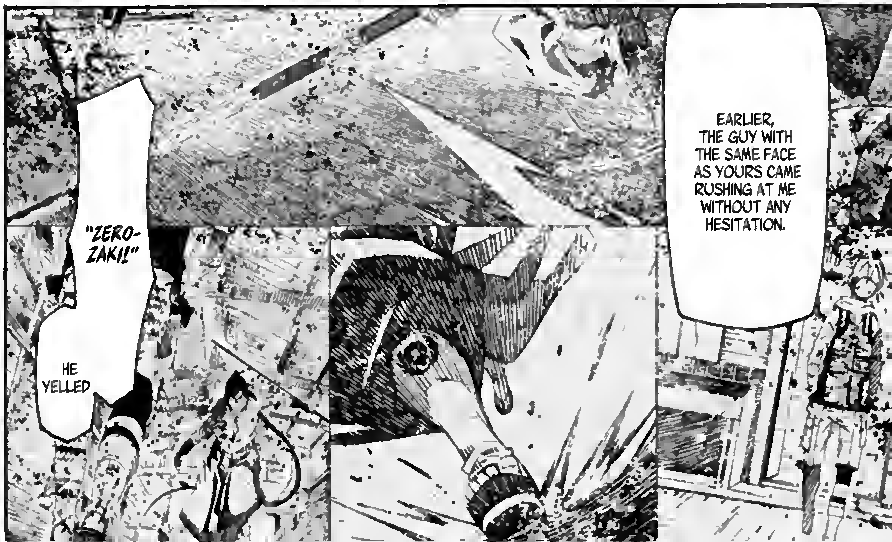
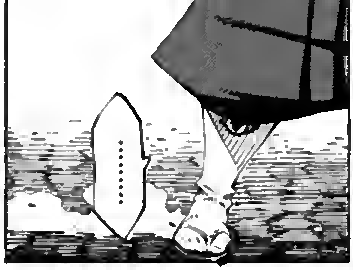

EARLIER, THE GUY WITH THE SAME FACE AS YOURS CAME RUSHING AT ME WITHOUT ANY HESITATION.
"ZERO-ZAKI!"
HE YELLED

... SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO KILLED MY YOUNGER BROTHER?
WHAT...
DOES THIS MEAN?
EX-ACTLY...
THEN THERE IS NO DOUBT. IT'S ONLY NATURAL.
YOU...
RIGHT!
It was like the guy knew me.
In other words,
He came rushing at me precisely because I wasn't an unknown enemy.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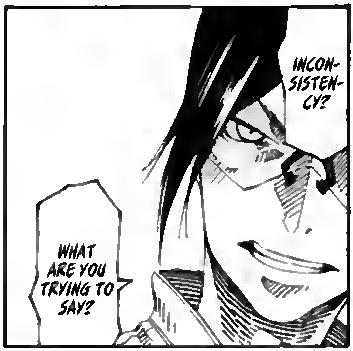

INCONSISTENCY?
WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

BUT-
DON'T YOU NOTICE A STRANGE INCONSISTENCY HERE?
MR SUPER COOL SAMURAI-SAN?

If he really did know who I was,
That means it would have been unwise of him to make such a suicidal attack.

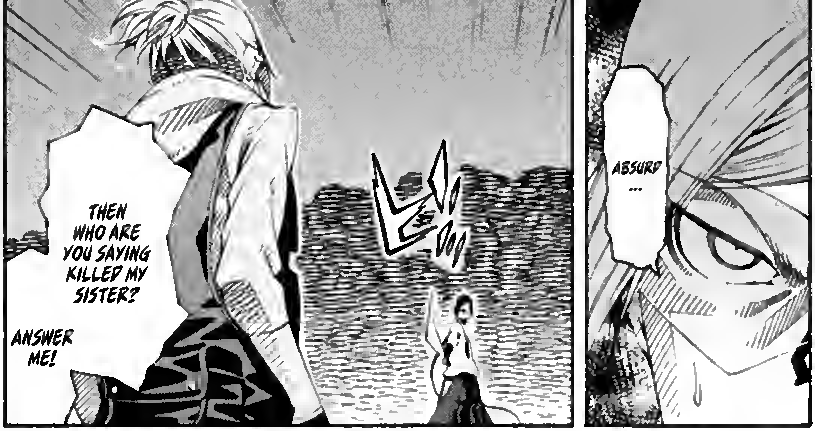
Ko hahaha
LOOK,

Because he couldn't see this technique, he should've understood how dangerous it was.
WITH MY LIMIT SKILL RIGHT BEFORE HIS EYES, HE WOULD'VE SEEN HOW DANGEROUS HIS ACTIONS-
NO
NO
DID MY BROTHER RUSH IN AWARE OF THIS SKILL
B... BUT, THAT MEANS,
THIS DOESN'T ADD UP
INCOM-PRE-HEN-SIBLE!
THEN DOES THAT MEAN YOU DIDN'T USE THAT STRANGE SKILL WHEN YOU KILLED MY YOUNGER SISTER?

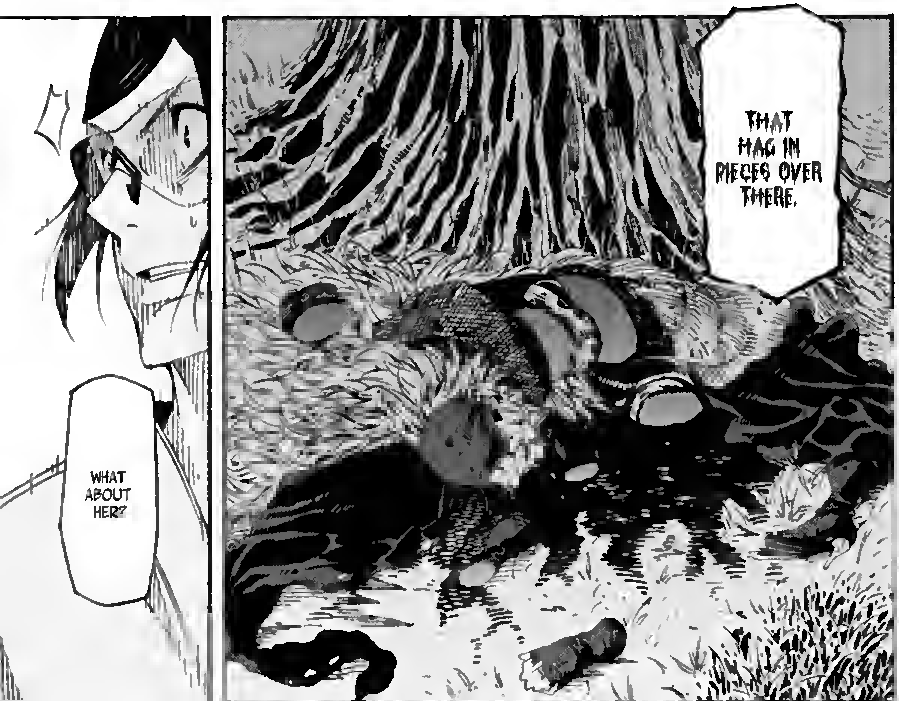
I'LL GO AHEAD AND SAY THIS, BUT I-
THAT'S WHERE THE MISUNDER-STANDING STARTS WITH YOU GUYS.
HAVE NO INKLING OF EVER SEEING YOUR FACE.

AND TODAY WAS MY FIRST TIME MEETING YOUR BROTHER.
WHAT'S MORE, THE DEATH OF YOUR LITTLE SISTER,
WASN'T MY DOING.

THIS IS TOTALLY WHAT YOU'D CALL A FALSE ACCUSATION


THEN WHO ARE YOU SAYING KILLED MY SISTER?
ANSWER ME!
ABSURD ...

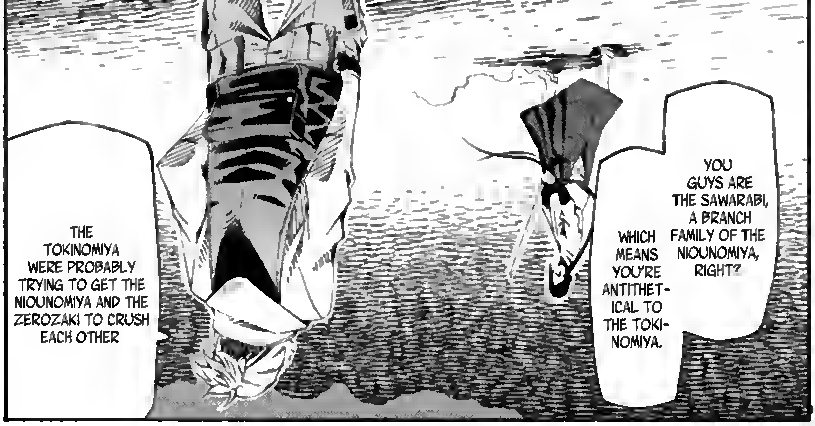
...RIGHT.
...BUT WELL, IF I HAD TO GUESS,
THERE'S NO WAY I'D KNOW SOMETHING LIKE THAT

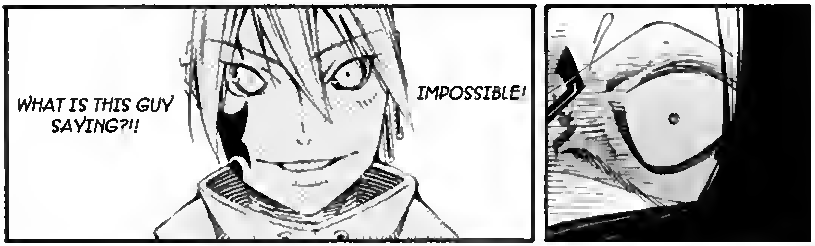

WHAT ABOUT HER?
THAT MAG IN PIECES OVER THERE.

TO...
TOKINO... MIYA.

AHH, RIGHT, RIGHT.
SO THAT HAG WAS A TOKINOMIYA AFTER ALL.
I DID THINK SHE WAS A "CURSING NAME" FROM BY HER LOOKS AND THE SITUATION,
BUT NOW IT'S FOR SURE.

USING THE TOKINOMIYA'S SPECIALTY, THEIR "THOUGHT MANIPULATION TECHNIQUE"
SHE TRICKED YOU GUYS.


YOU GUYS ARE THE SAWARABI, A BRANCH FAMILY OF THE NIOUNOMIYA, RIGHT?
WHICH MEANS YOU'RE ANTITHETICAL TO THE TOKINOMIYA.
THE TOKINOMIYA WERE PROBABLY TRYING TO GET THE NIOUNOMIYA AND THE ZEROZAKI TO CRUSH EACH OTHER

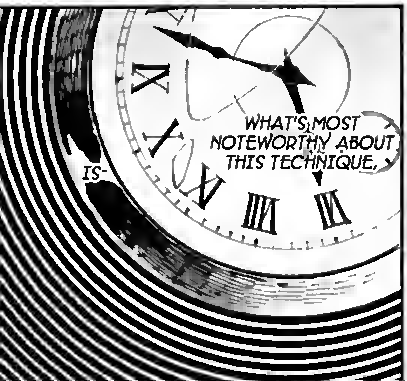

WHAT IS THIS GUY SAYING?!!
IMPOSSIBLE!

MY SISTER'S TRUE MURDERER.
WERE THOSE TWO NOT CONFRONTED BY A ZEROZAKI?!

WAS TOKINOMIYA?!

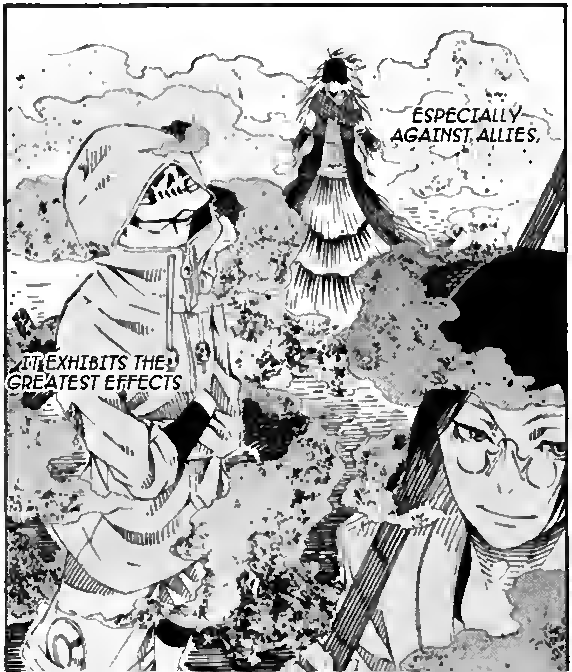
AT TIMES, IT DESTROYS ONE'S SENSE OF VALUE OR COMMON SENSE.
AND CONTROLS HUMANS LIKE PUPPETS.

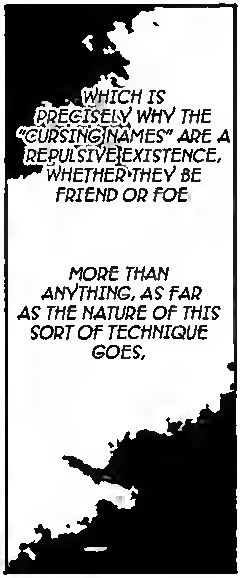
IT DELUDES YOUR WORLD.
AT TIMES, IT SHOWS ILLUSIONS, AND THROUGH FALSE LOCATIONS OR APPEARANCES.

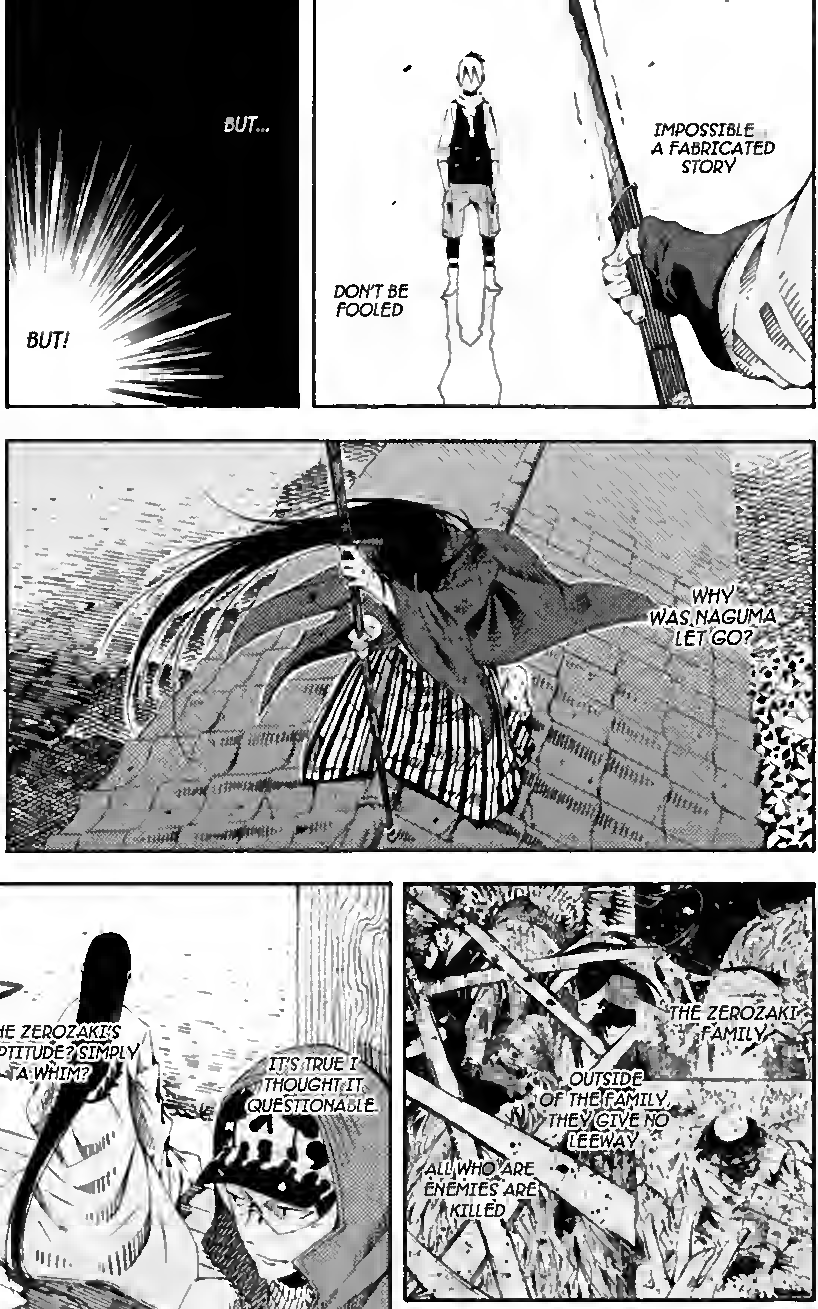

WHAT'S MOST NOTEWORTHY ABOUT THIS TECHNIQUE, IS-

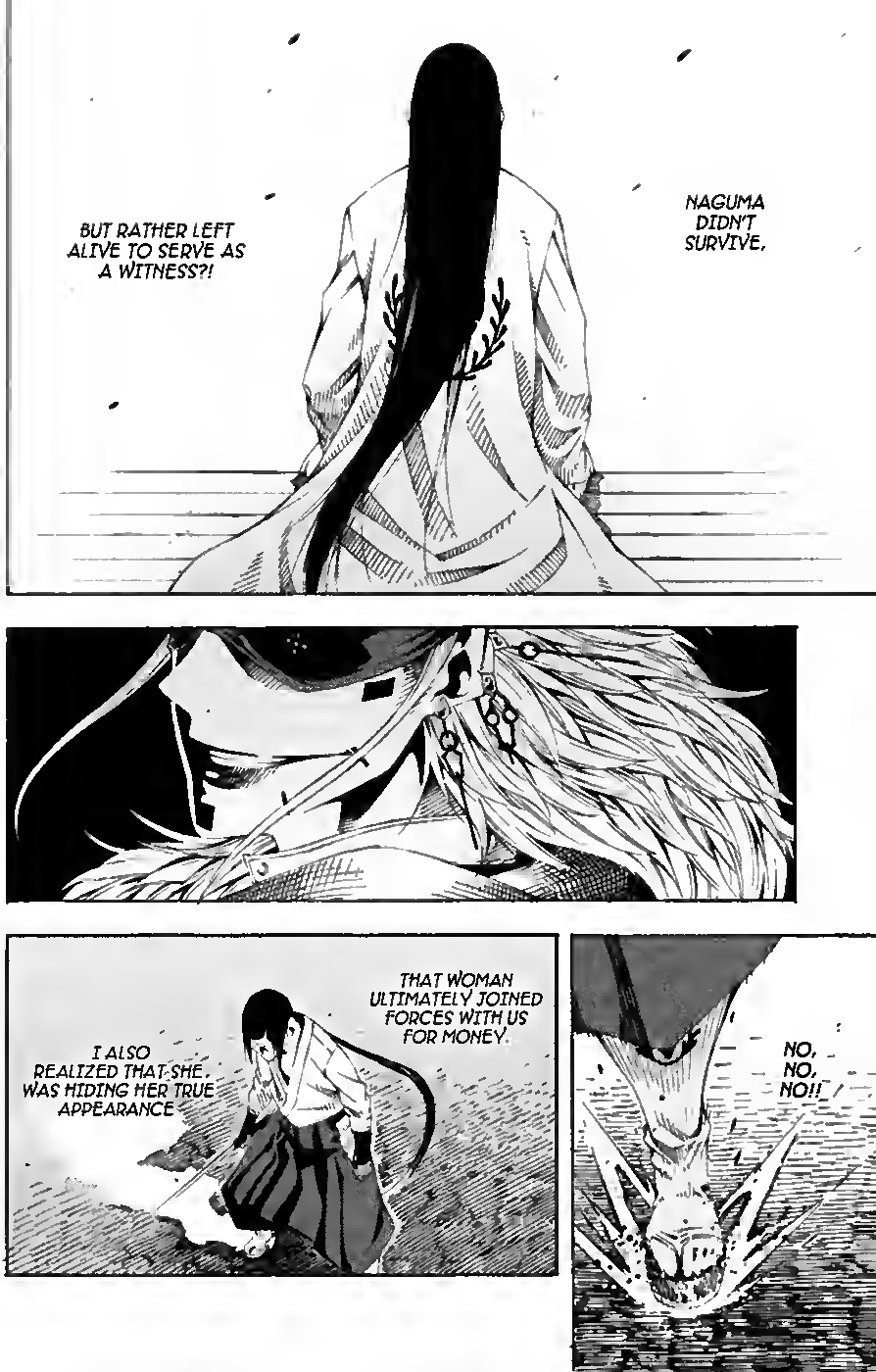
"THOUGHT MANIPULATION TECHNIQUE"
IT'S A TECHNIQUE IN WHICH ONE ENTERS THE TARGET'S MIND AND MANIPULATES THEIR CONSCIOUSNESS.

YOU CAN NEVER REALIZE THAT YOU ARE CAUGHT IN IT.
THAT IF YOU CAN'T SEE THROUGH IT.


ESPECIALLY AGAINST ALLIES,
IT EXHIBITS THE GREATEST EFFECTS

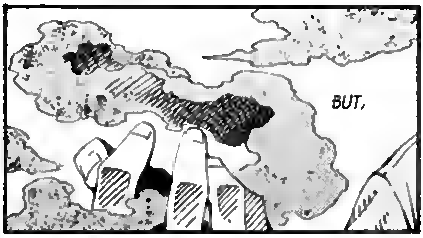

WHICH IS PRECISELY WHY THE "CURSING NAMES" ARE A REPULSIVE EXISTENCE, WHETHER THEY BE FRIEND OR FOE.
MORE THAN ANYTHING, AS FAR AS THE NATURE OF THIS SORT OF TECHNIQUE GOES,


BUT...
BUT!
DON'T BE FOOLED
IMPOSSIBLE A FABRICATED STORY
WHY WAS NAGUMA LET GO?
THE ZEROZAKI'S INEPTITUDE? SIMPLY A WHIM?
IT'S TRUE I THOUGHT IT QUESTIONABLE
THE ZEROZAKI FAMILY
OUTSIDE OF THE FAMILY THEY GIVE NO LEEWAY
ALL WHO ARE ENEMIES ARE KILLED


BUT RATHER LEFT ALIVE TO SERVE AS A WITNESS?!
NAGUMA DIDN'T SURVIVE.
I ALSO REALIZED THAT SHE WAS HIDING HER TRUE APPEARANCE
THAT WOMAN ULTIMATELY JOINED FORCES WITH US FOR MONEY.
NO, NO, NO!!

WAS BECAUSE I HAD THE CONFIDENCE TO CONTROL HER
BUT, THE REASON I JOINED FORCES WITH HER DESPITE THAT,

IF BY CHANCE,

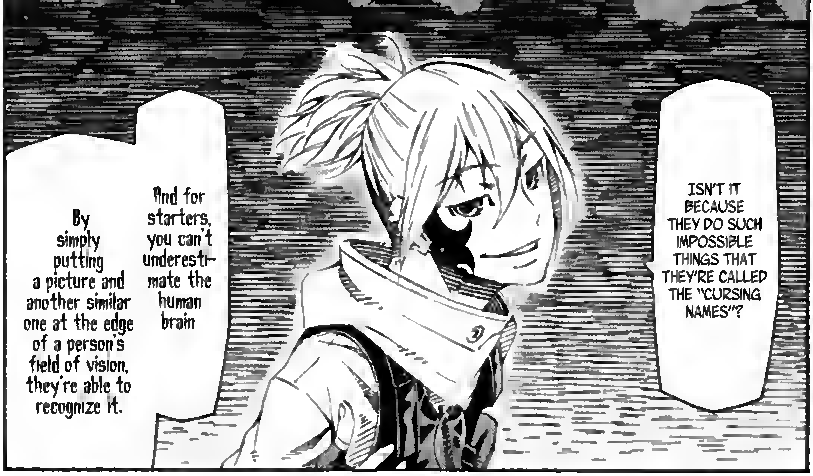

BUT,

HAD SET UP THIS ALL UP FROM THE BEGINNING, THEN...
THAT WOMAN... POSSIBLY THROUGH THE TOKINOMIYA,

N... NONSENSE THAT CANNOT BE TRUSTED..

NONSENSE... HUH?

IF THIS WAS YOUR FIRST MEETING WITH MY BROTHER
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE HIM RECOGNIZE YOU
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE


ISN'T IT BECAUSE THEY DO SUCH IMPOSSIBLE THINGS THAT THEY'RE CALLED THE "CURSING NAMES"?
And for starters, you can't underestimate the human brain
By simply putting a picture and another similar one at the edge of a person's field of vision, they're able to recognize it.

And after simply imitating my appearance,
All she had to do was draw out your fear from a past experience
That's the sort of world this is.

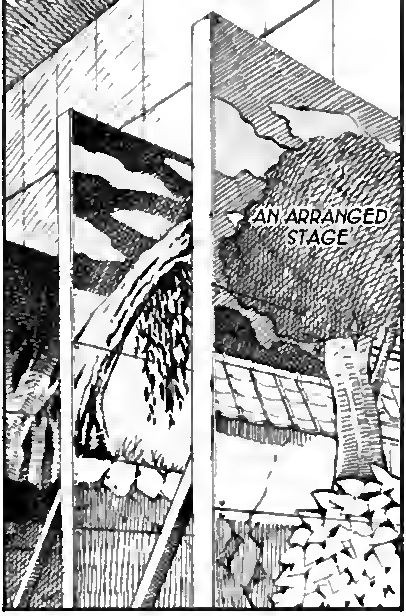
THERE'S BEEN AT LEAST ONE TIME WHEN YOU ALMOST MET WITH DEATH, RIGHT?

B...
BUT...
AND IF YOUR THEORY W.S CORRECT,
IT WOULD'VE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE TO SHOW ANIKI THE IMAGE OF CRIMSON.
BECAUSE HE'S NEVER MET MANKIND'S STRONGEST.
There was a red cloth nailed next to the corpse.
I can tell from the cuts that Aniki had a pretty rough fight
You can image the fight from just that.
B-
BUT-
And the fact that she mimicked me.
is probably because I'm the least cooperative of the Zerozaki.

THE IDEAL CONDITIONS FOR A DECEPTION.
UNLIKELY TO BE FOUND, WITH A CHARACTERISTIC APPEARANCE.
Am I wrong?
If the objective wasn't to kill, there's no need to use someone famous.
BESIDES,
FOR STARTERS, I HAVEN'T HAD THE TIME TO LAY HANDS ON YOUR SISTER.

I'VE BEEN BUSY DISMEMBERING PEOPLE IN KYOTO YOU SEE.
I'VE BEEN SO BUSY WITH MY ACTIVITIES THAT I HAVE WHAT'S CALLED AN "IRONCLAD ALIBI".
KA HA HA

A GIVEN ROLE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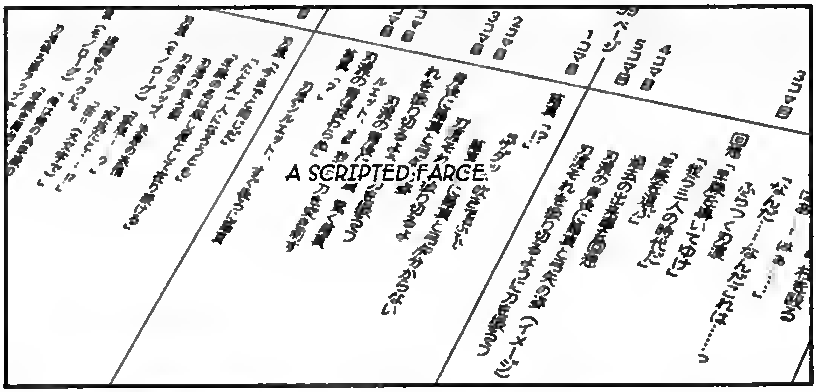
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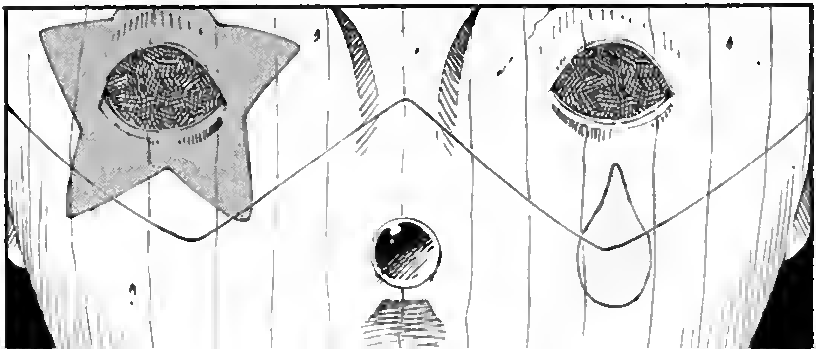


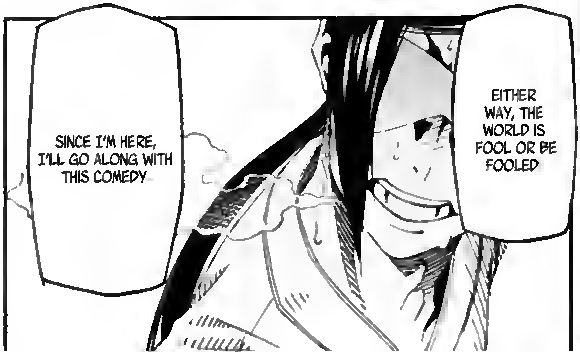
A COMEDY.

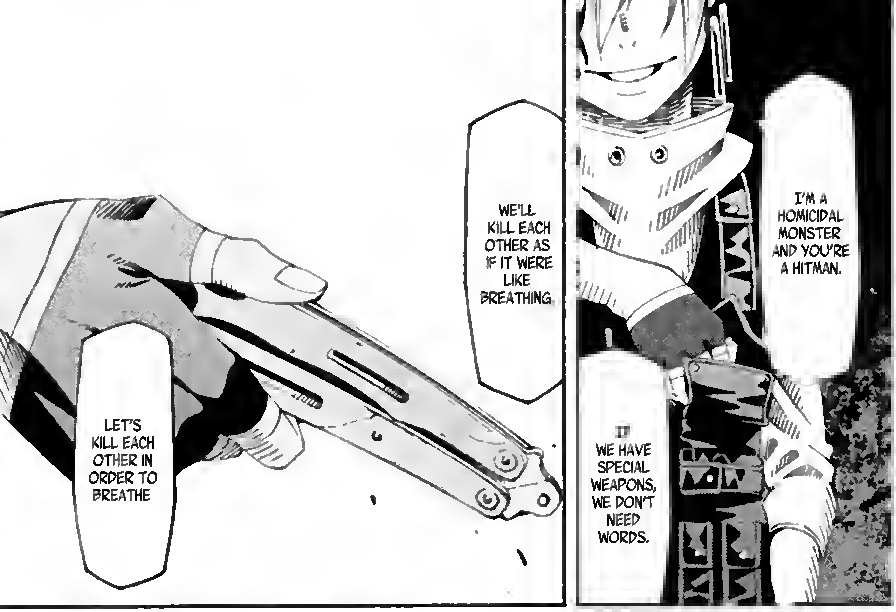
WERE MANIPULATED BY THE LIKES OF THE TOKINOMIYA...?
THE SAWARABI...

WHO'S TO BELIEVE THIS ZEROZAKI'S WORDS?
CALM DOWN.

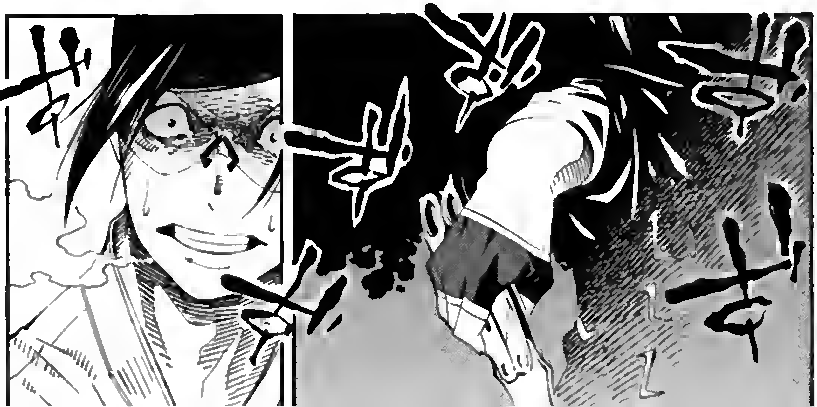
IN THE END, NONE OF IT MATTERS IN THIS SITUATION.
BUT WELL, NONE OF THAT MATTERS, DOES IT?

KAHAHA


SINCE I'M HERE, I'LL GO ALONG WITH THIS COMEDY
EITHER WAY, THE WORLD IS FOOL OR BE FOOLED


I'M A HOMICIDAL MONSTER AND YOU'RE A HITMAN.
IT
WE HAVE SPECIAL WEAPONS, WE DON'T NEED WORDS.
WE'LL KILL EACH OTHER AS IF IT WERE LIKE BREATHING.
LET'S KILL EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO BREATHE

"I'M" NOT KIND LIKE "HIM" THOUGH



I'LL KILL YOU AND TAKE YOU APART. THEN LINE UP THE PIECES.
AND HANG THEM FOR SHOW.

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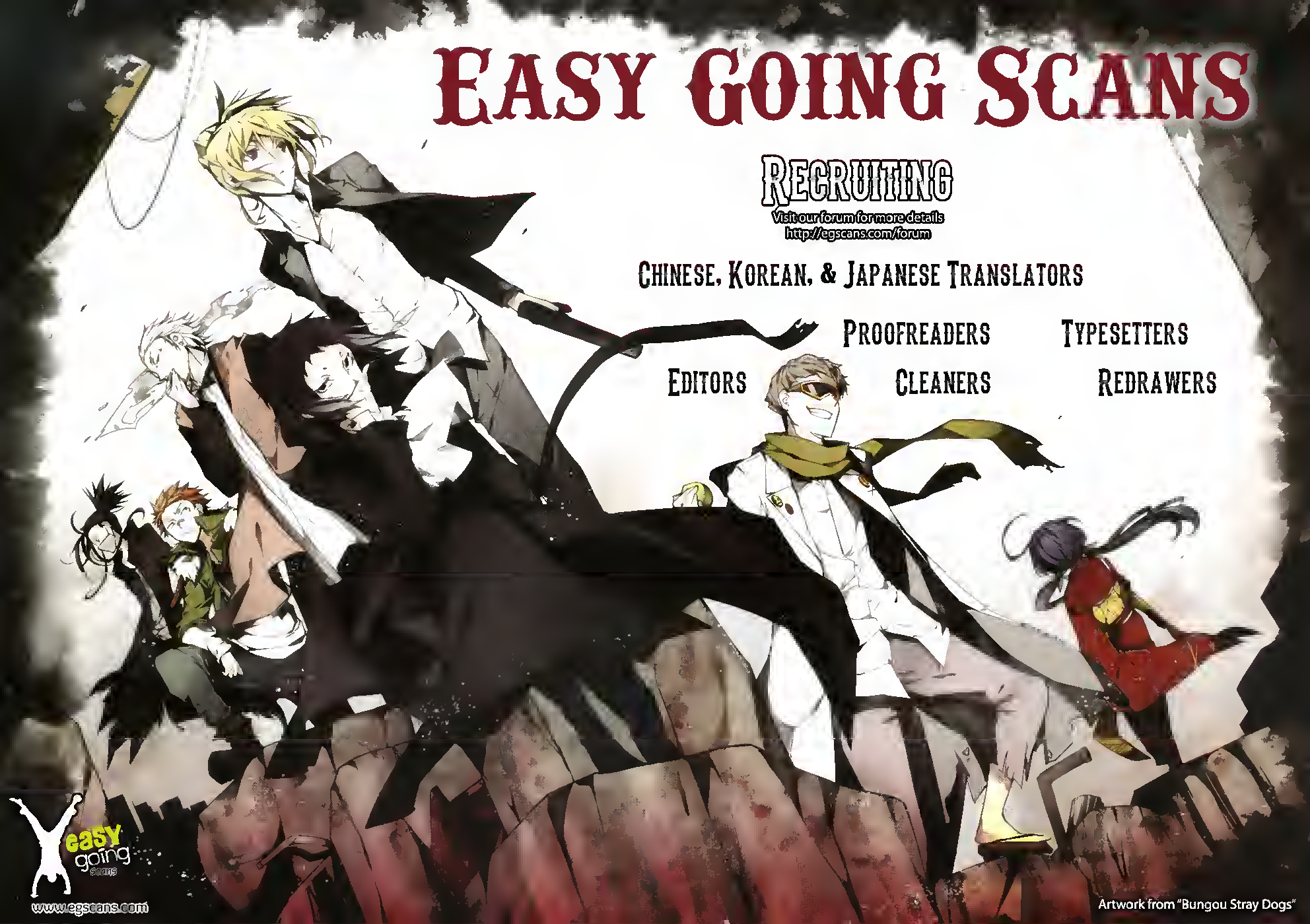
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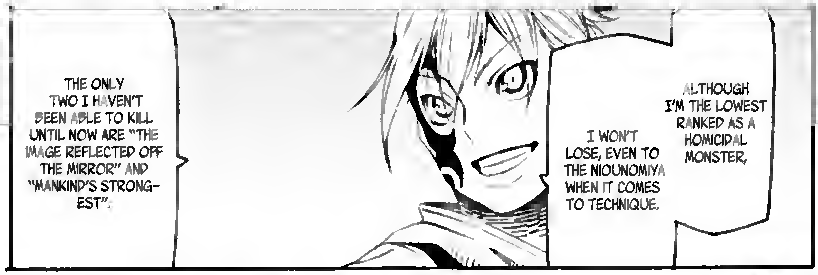
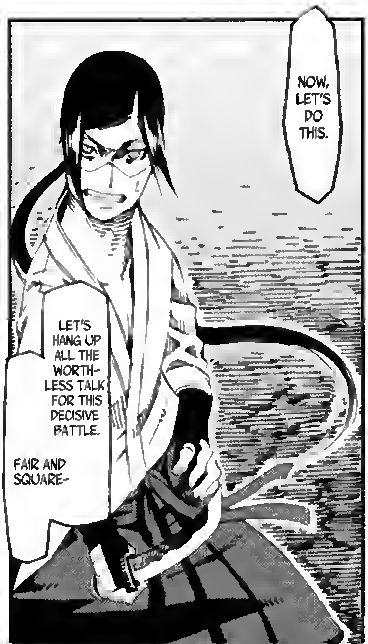

ALTHOUGH I'M THE LOWEST RANKED AS A HOMICIDAL MONSTER,
I WON'T LOSE, EVEN TO THE NIOUNOMIYA WHEN IT COMES TO TECHNIQUE.
THE ONLY TWO I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO KILL UNTIL NOW ARE "THE IMAGE REFLECTED OFF THE MIRROR" AND "MANKIND'S STRONGEST".

LET'S DO THIS, YOU AND ME.


NOW, LET'S DO THIS.
LET'S HANG UP ALL THE WORTHLESS TALK FOR THIS DECISIVE BATTLE.
FAIR AND SQUARE-

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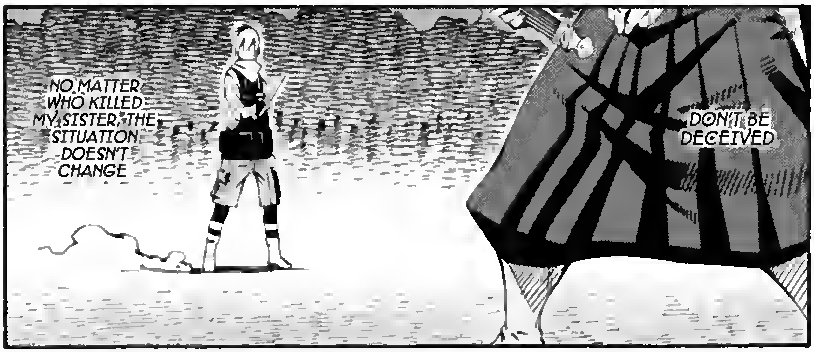
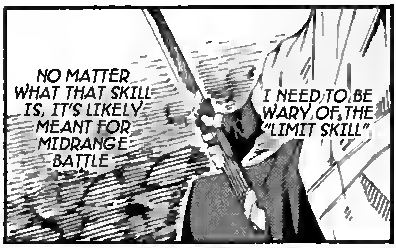
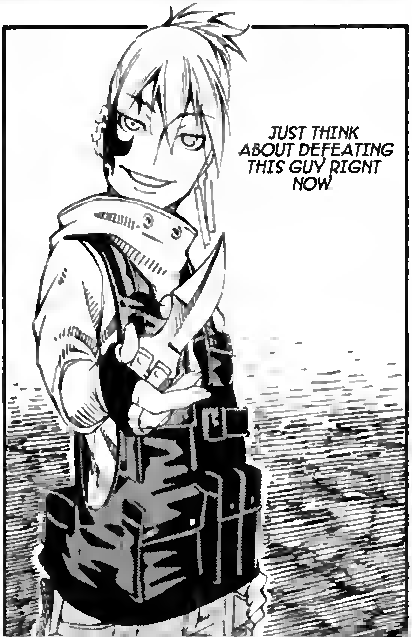
...THAT'S RIGHT.

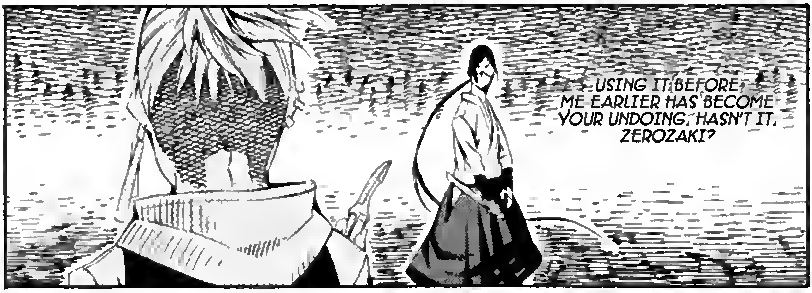

NO MATTER WHO KILLED MY SISTER, THE SITUATION DOESN'T CHANGE
DON'T BE DECEIVED

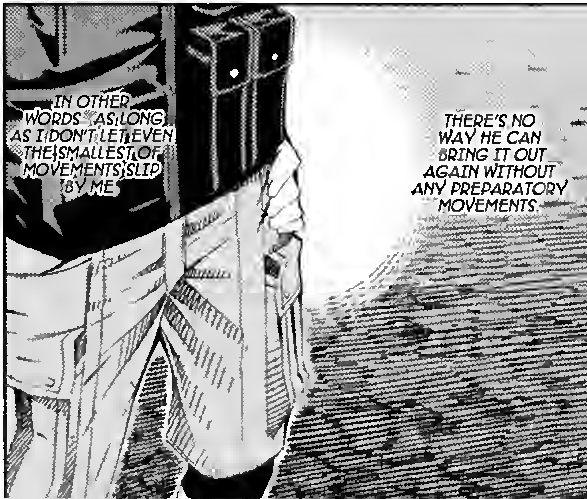

NO MATTER WHAT THAT SKILL IS, IT'S LIKELY MEANT FOR MIDRANGE BATTLE
I NEED TO BE WARY OF THE "LIMIT SKILL"


JUST THINK ABOUT DEFEATING THIS GUY RIGHT NOW

IF IT WERE A SKILL SPECIALIZING IN LONG RANGE,
HE'D HAVE NO REASON TO GO THROUGH THE TROUBLE OF EXPOSING HIMSELF BEFORE ME.

A 3M RANGE AT BEST.
5M. NO,


USING IT BEFORE ME EARLIER HAS BECOME YOUR UNDOING, HASN'T IT, ZEROZAKI?


IN OTHER WORDS, AS LONG AS I DON'T LET EVEN THE SMALLEST OF MOVEMENTS SLIP BY ME,
THERE'S NO WAY HE CAN BRING IT OUT AGAIN WITHOUT ANY PREPARATORY MOVEMENTS.

I CAN COUNTER HIS ATTACK
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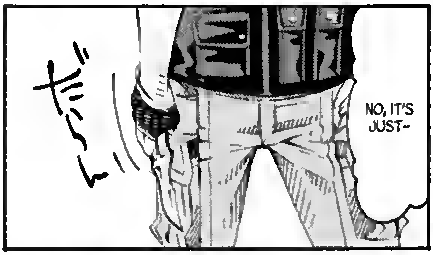
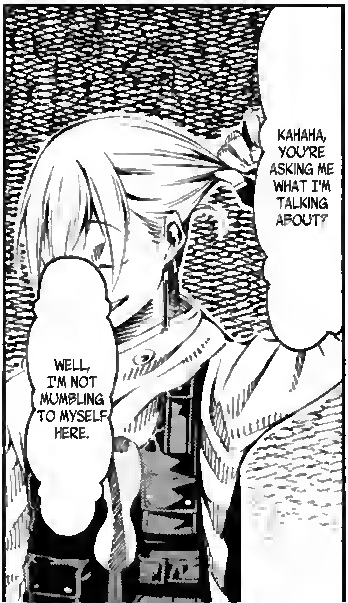
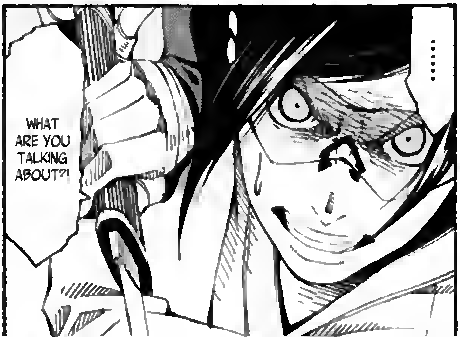

NO, IT'S JUST-

WHAT IS IT THIS TIME ?


KAHAHA, YOU'RE ASKING ME WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT?
WELL, I'M NOT MUMBLING TO MYSELF HERE.

I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY "HE" WOULD FALL FOR IT
I JUST THINK THAT THIS IS REALLY CONVENIENT


WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?!
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I'M SAYING, THE JOKE ON YOU.
DUMB-ASS.

GRRRRHHHHHH

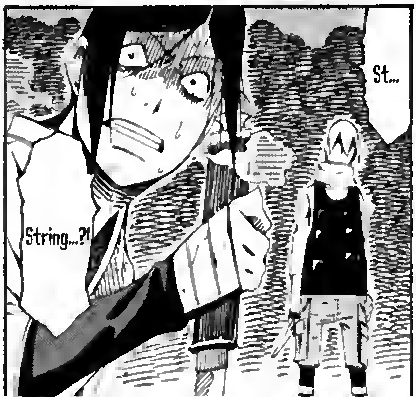
JUST AS I THOUGHT. THIS DOESN'T FEEL TOO GOOD, DOES IT?

AHH, I KNEW IT

KILLING SOMEONE, THAT IS.

WHAT ?!

SHE HASN'T EVEN STOPPED HER BLEEDING.WITH ALL THE BLOOD SHE'S LOST, THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D BE ABLE TO MOVE SO...
IMPOSSIBLE!!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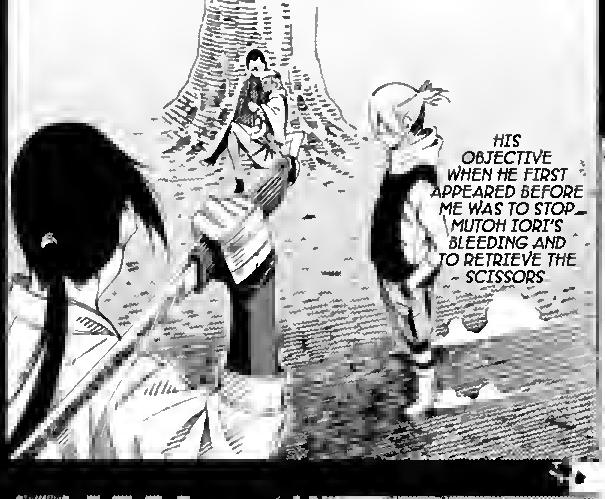
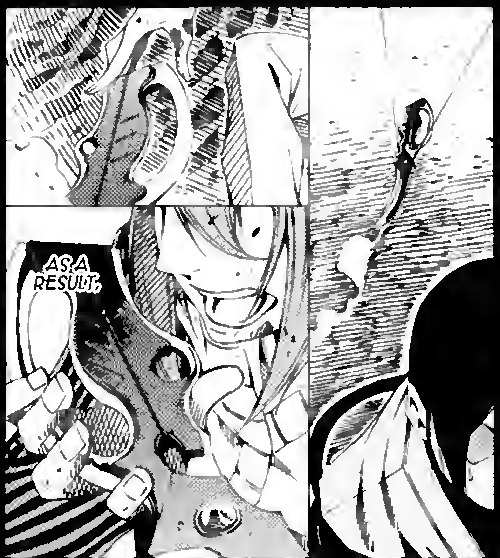
String...?!

TL note: This is a play on words in Japanese.


HIS OBJECTIVE WHEN HE FIRST APPEARED BEFORE ME WAS TO STOP MUTOH IORI'S BLEEDING AND TO RETRIEVE THE SCISSORS.

They got me.

BACK THEN,
HE WRAPPED HER ARM AND THE SCISSORS IN HIS STRINGS.

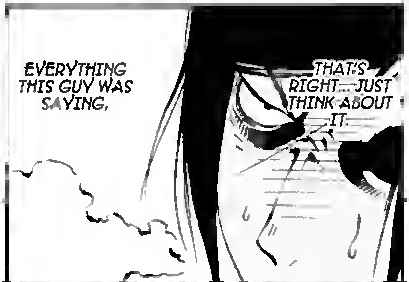

AS A RESULT,

AND WITH CONFIDENCE PRESENTED HIS INFERENCES AND DREW MY ATTENTION.

I ENDED UP BEING BLINDSIDED BY THOSE TWO

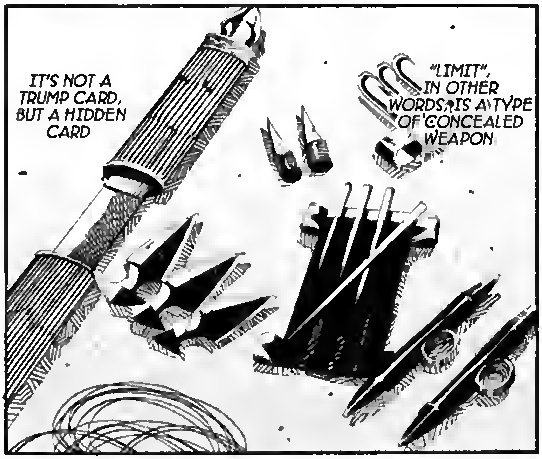
THERE WAS NO BASIS TO ANY OF IT.

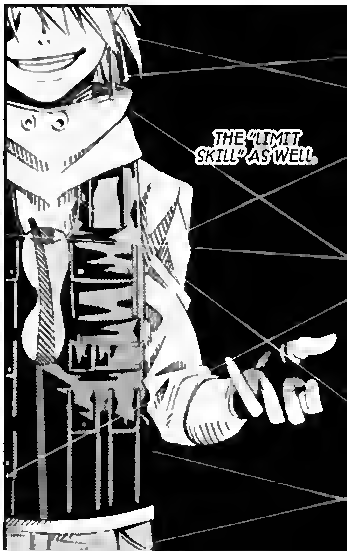
EVEN THAT ARGUMENT WAS ALL JUST AN ACT FROM THE BEGINNING


EVERYTHING THIS GUY WAS SAYING,
THAT'S RIGHT... JUST THINK ABOUT IT.

FOR STARTERS, IF HE REALLY DIDN'T KILL MY SISTER,
HE WOULDN'T HAVE KNOWN THE DATE OR TIME OF HER DEATH.
BUT HE STILL SPOKE OF AN ALIBI? THAT'S JUST NONSENSE.

EVEN THE TALK OF TOKINOMIYA AND THE PREREQUISITES AND MATERIALS FOR HIS INFERENCES.
IN THE END, THEY WERE BASED ON NOTHING BUT ASSUMPTIONS.

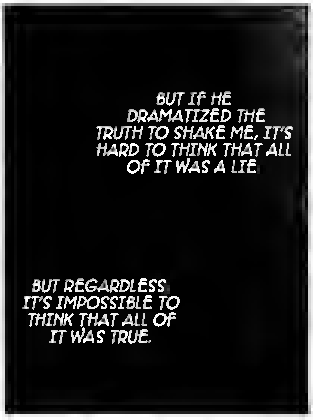

IT'S NOT A TRUMP CARD, BUT A HIDDEN CARD
"LIMIT", IN OTHER WORDS, IS A TYPE OF CONCEALED WEAPON

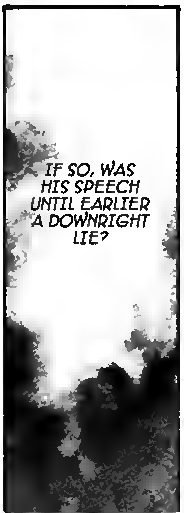

THE "LIMIT SKILL" AS WELL.

THAT WOULD ALSO EXPLAIN WHY MY BROTHER RUSHED IN UNKNOWINGLY.
IF HE DIDN'T USE THIS SKILL WHEN HE KILLED MY SISTER, THEN THERE IS NO MYSTERY.

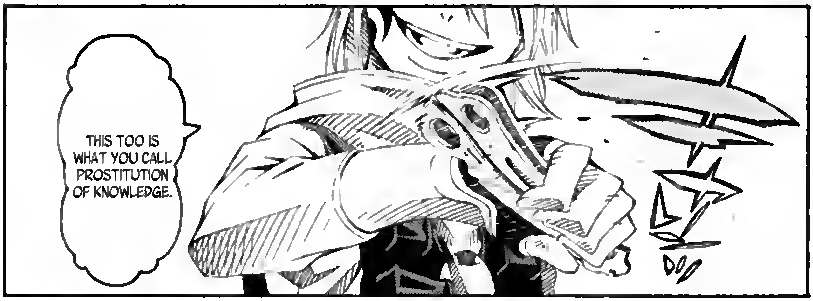
THEN IS THIS THE GUY WHO KILLED MY SISTER AFTER ALL?

IT'S QUITE UNCLEAR.
WHERE DOES THE LIE BEGIN, AND WHERE DOES THE TRUTH END?
IT'S ALL GREY.


BUT IF HE DRAMATIZED THE TRUTH TO SHAKE ME, IT'S HARD TO THINK THAT ALL OF IT WAS A LIE.
BUT REGARDLESS, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO THINK THAT ALL OF IT WAS TRUE.


IF SO, WAS HIS SPEECH UNTIL EARLIER A DOWNRIGHT LIE?

A joke...


THIS TOO IS WHAT YOU CALL PROSTITUTION OF KNOWLEDGE.
DO//

YOU DAMN CO-WAR-
HEY, HEY, HEY!

THERE'S NO WAY I'D FACE YOU FAIR AND SQUARE AFTER YOU KILLED ANIKI

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YOU ARE BOTH PROS.
LET'S AT LEAST BE RE-SPECTABLE IN THE END.
THAT'S NOT RIGHT, IS IT, SAWARABI HAWATARI-KUN?
A WHOLE AS THREE?

DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE GOOD-FOR-NOTHINGS THAT DON'T EVEN COUNT AS A WHOLE PERSON?
JUST DO YOUR BEST NOT TO HOLD US BACK

SO WE'RE THE ONLY ONES LEFT.

I CANNOT RETREAT.
HOW-EVER...
I CAN SEE THE DIFFER-ENCE IN STRENGTH.
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IF I SACRIFICE A HAND OR A FOOT...
.....
IN-EXPERI-ENCED...
NO MATTER WHAT, I'M TWO HANDS SHORT TO STOP HIM.

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NO STOPPING!
NII-SAN!!

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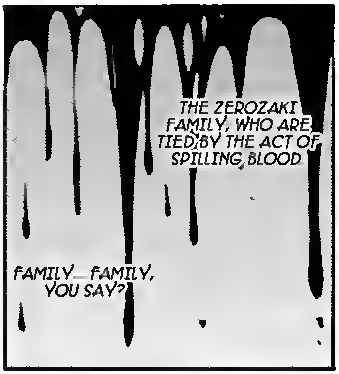
EACH OF US THREE UNDERSTOOD OUR ROLES.
WITHOUT A SINGLE
THAT WAS THE FIRST TIME.

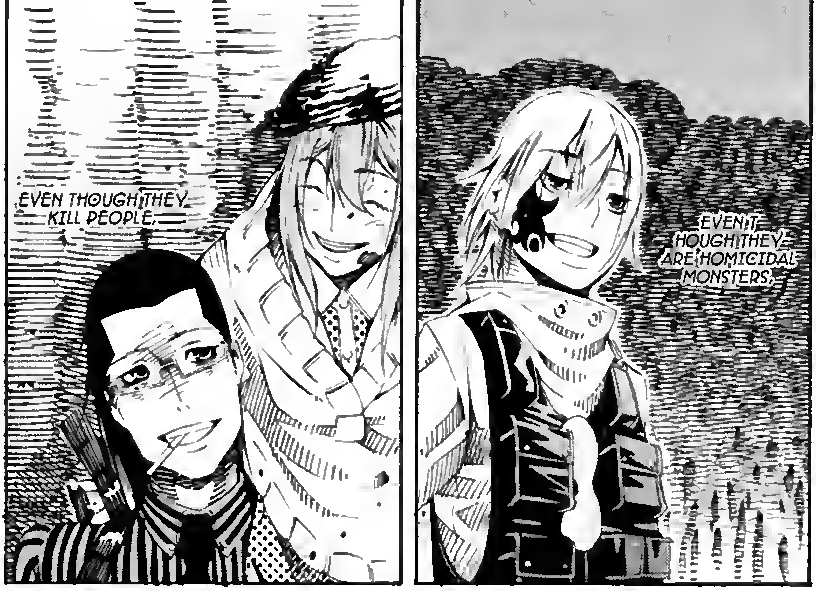
AND THAT WAS THE MOMENT WE BECAME A WHOLE AS THREE.
THERE ARE WAYS TO FIGHT BECAUSE WE ARE THR
IT'S NOT THAT WE ARE A FULL FLEDGED WHOLE AS THREE
THERE ARE THINGS WE CAN DO BECAUSE WE ARE THREE.

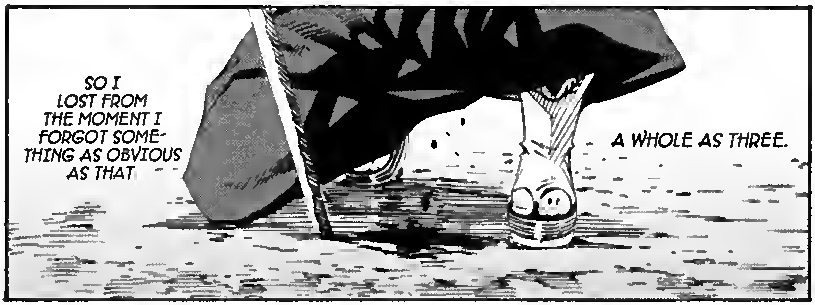
AFTER MORE THAN 10 YEARS...
THE POWER WE FINALLY OBTAINED,

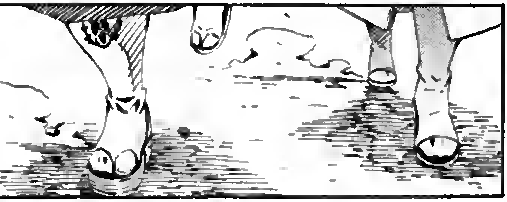
IMPOSSIBLE...


THE ZEROZAKI FAMILY, WHO ARE TIED BY THE ACT OF SPILLING BLOOD
FAMILY... FAMILY, YOU SAY?

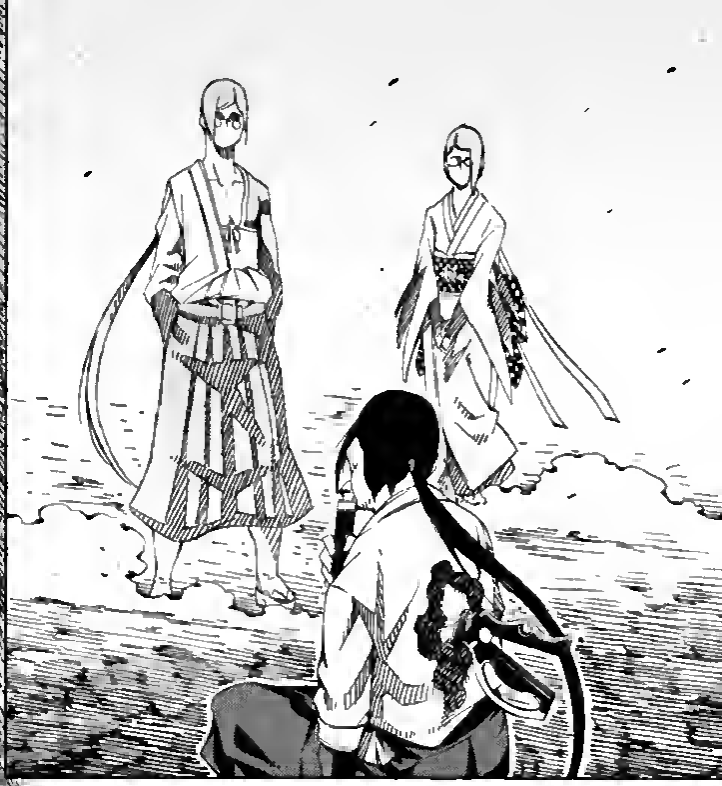
YET THEIR TEAMWORK WAS SO FLUID IT MADE EVERYTHING SEEM PRE-PLANNED!
THEY'RE NOT EVEN BOUND BY BLOOD, AND THIS SHOULD BE THEIR FIRST TIME MEETING...

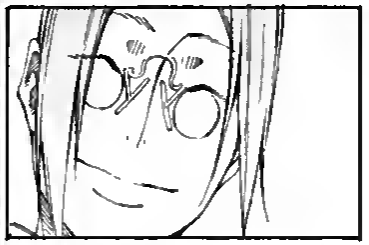

EVEN THOUGH THEY KILL PEOPLE,
EVEN THOUGH THEY ARE HOMICIDAL MONSTERS,

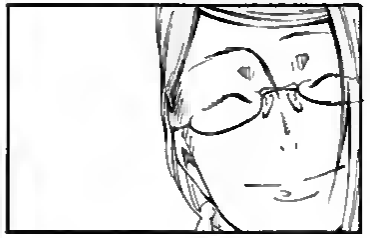

SO I LOST FROM THE MOMENT I FORGOT SOMETHING AS OBVIOUS AS THAT
A WHOLE AS THREE.

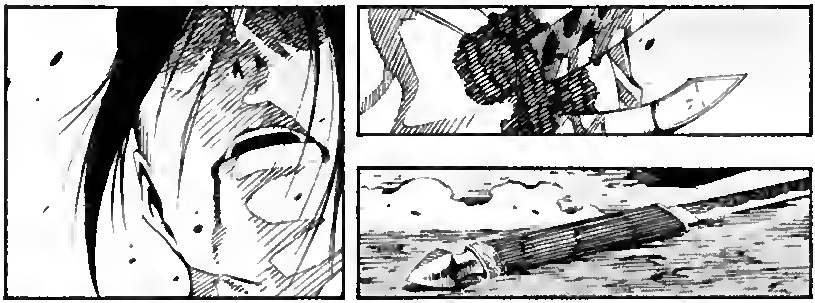


"FAIL"
THOSE WHO DON'T HOLD THEIR FAMILY DEAR.









YOU LOT.

ARE... THE,
WORST...

WE KNOW.

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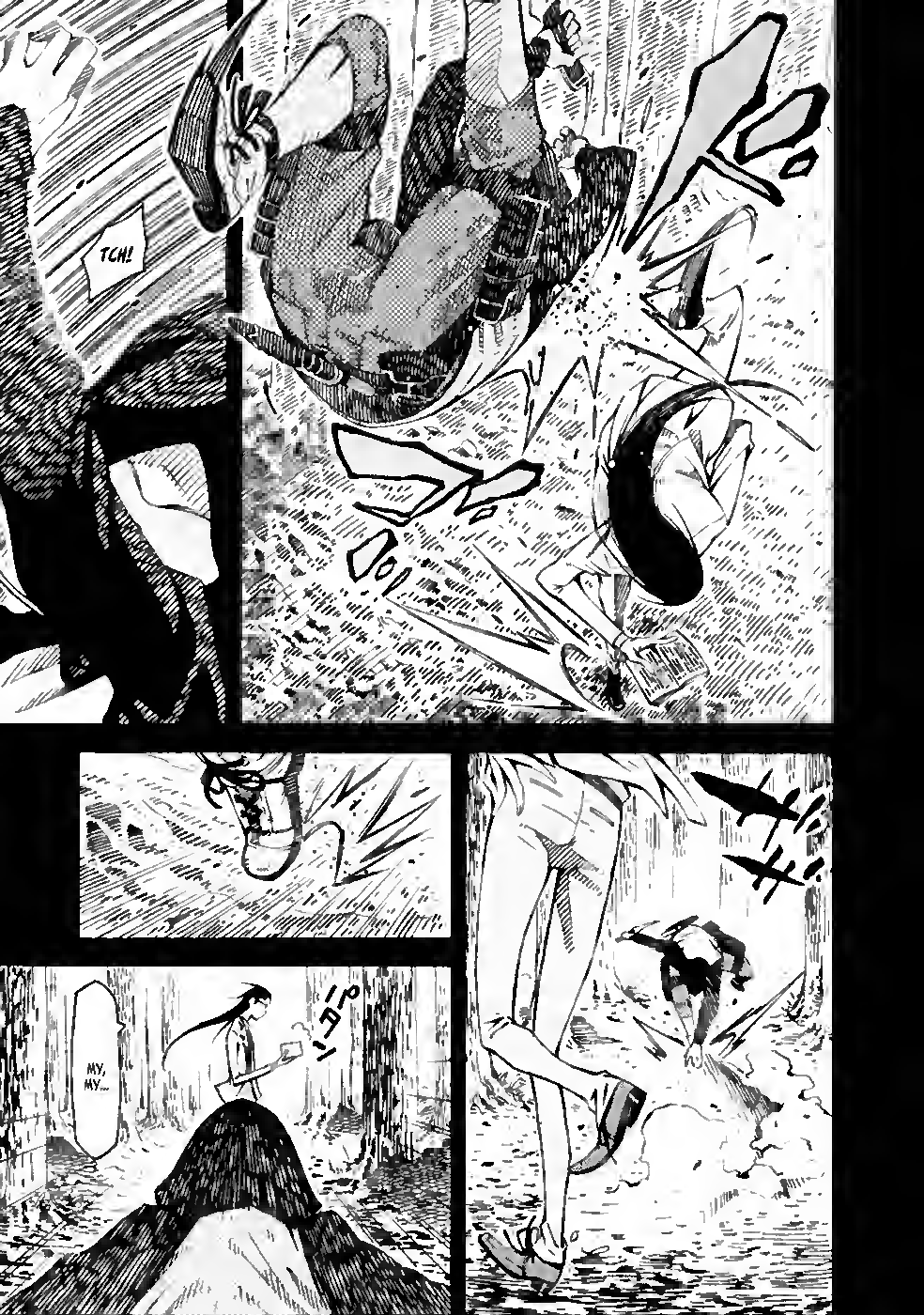
TCH!
MY, MY...
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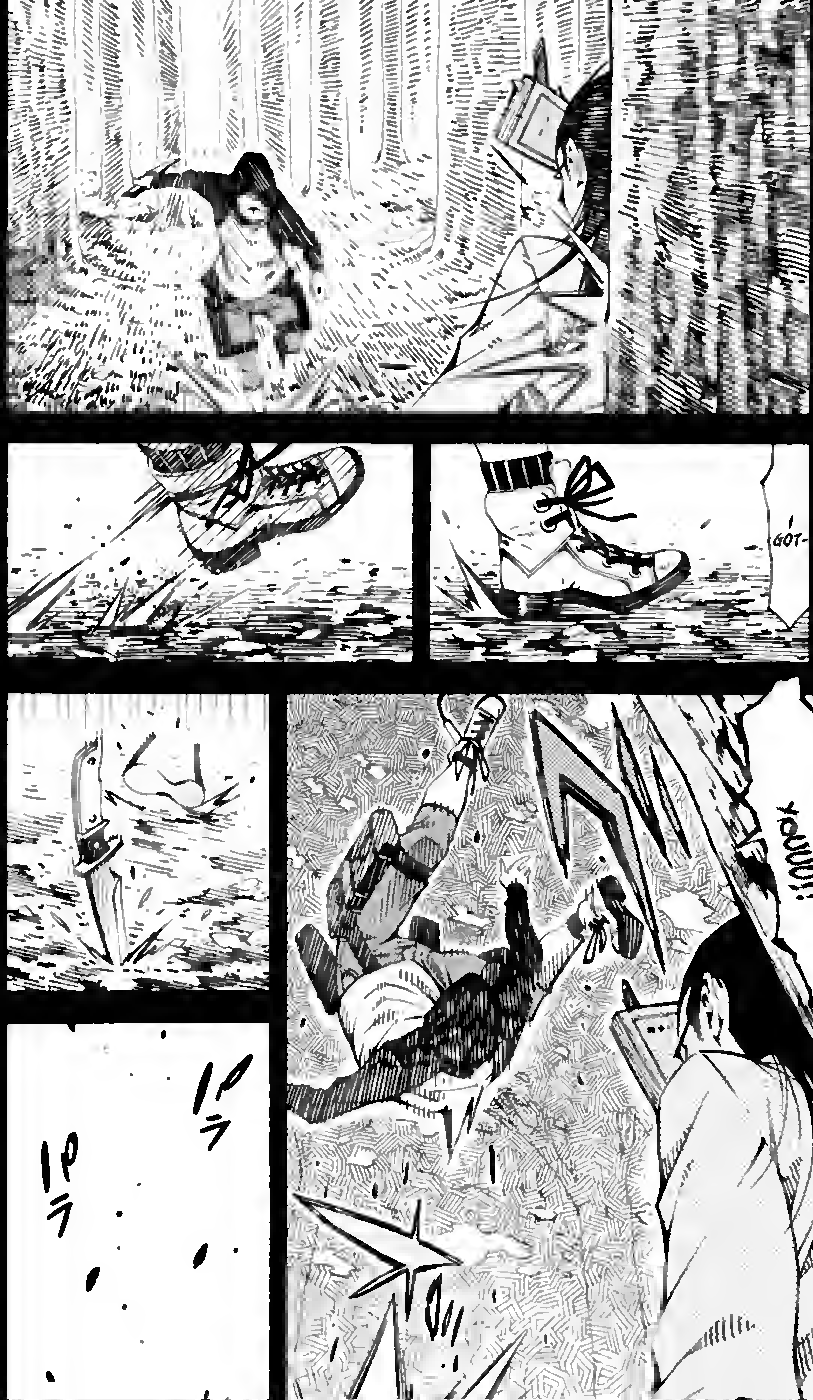
I GOT-
YOUUU?!
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IT'S ONLY BEEN 3 MONTHS AND 6 DAYS, BUT..
THAT APPEAR-ANCE IS QUITE COMICAL.

HITO-SAIKI.
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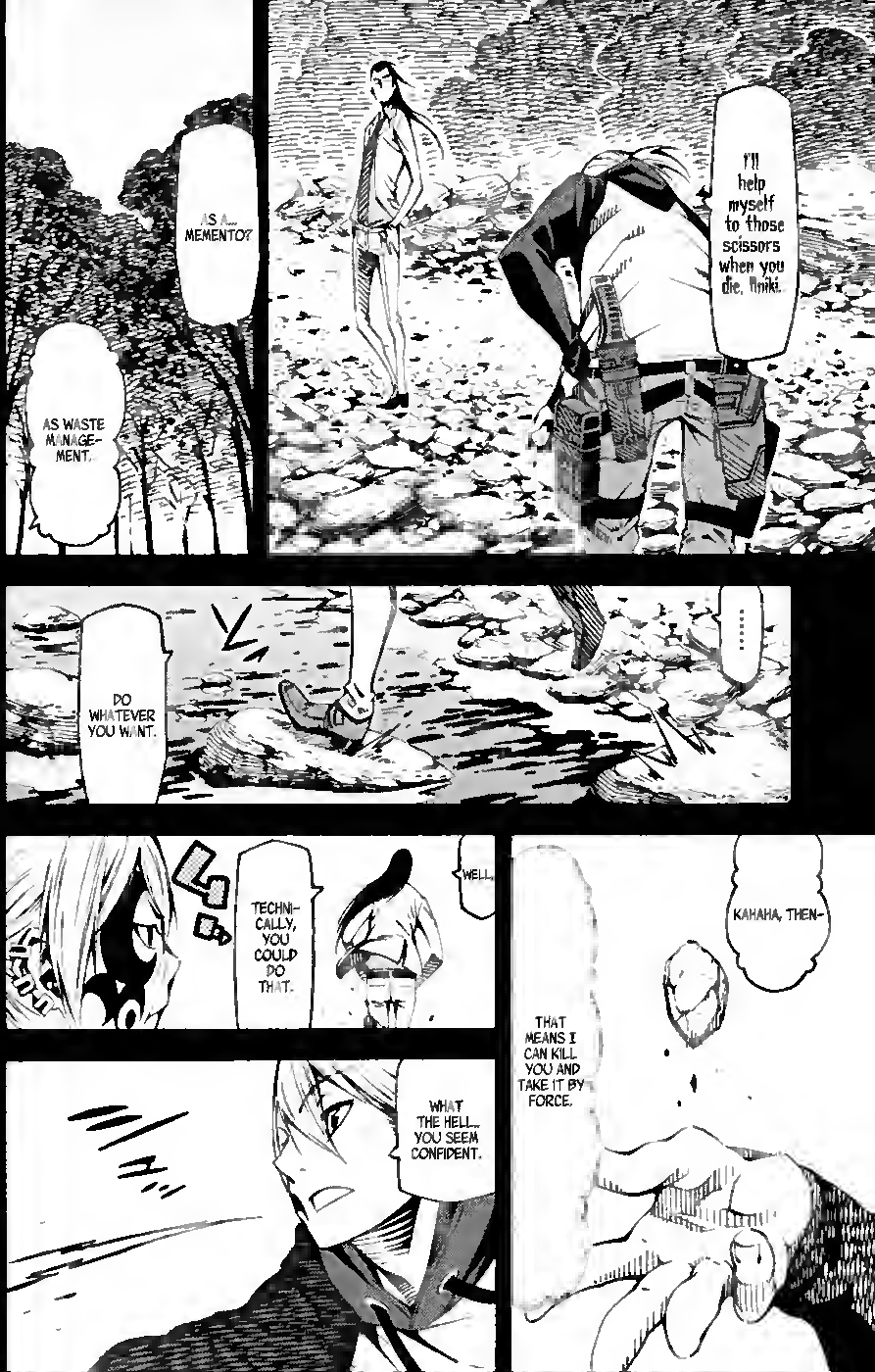
YO, ANIKI…
BEEN A WHILE.
BUT WHY DO YOU HAVE THIS SORT OF TRAP SET UP?
Ufufu.
BECAUSE I KNEW YOU WERE IN THE VICINITY.
YOU HAVE TO BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING, RIGHT?

...IS THAT RIGHT?
THINK YOU CAN LET ME DOWN NOW.
THE BLOOD'S RUSHING TO MY HEAD.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT.
BY THE WAY,
.....
?
BUT, BEFORE I DO THAT,
Eh!
Wait.
HOLD
SOME DISCIPLINE IS IN ORDER FOR THE LITTLE BROTHER WHO WOULD TRY TO KILL HIS OLDER BROTHER.

WHAM

ANY THOUGHTS ON LETTING IT GO?
That.
HEY, ANIKI.
You mean this?
.....
ARE YOU SAYING THAT I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT YET?
TCH
UNLIKE A PLAYBOY LIKE YOU I GIVE MY EVERYTHING TO BOTH WOMEN AND WEAPONS. THIS IS PRECIOUS TO ME.
I WON'T GIVE IT UP SO EASILY.
THEN LET'S DO THIS.


I'll help myself to those scissors when you die, Nuki.
IS A... MEMENTO?
AS WASTE MANAGEMENT.
.....
DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
WELL...
TECHNICALLY, YOU COULD DO THAT.
KAHAHA, THEN-
THAT MEANS I CAN KILL YOU AND TAKE IT BY FORCE.
WHAT THE HELL... YOU SEEM CONFIDENT.

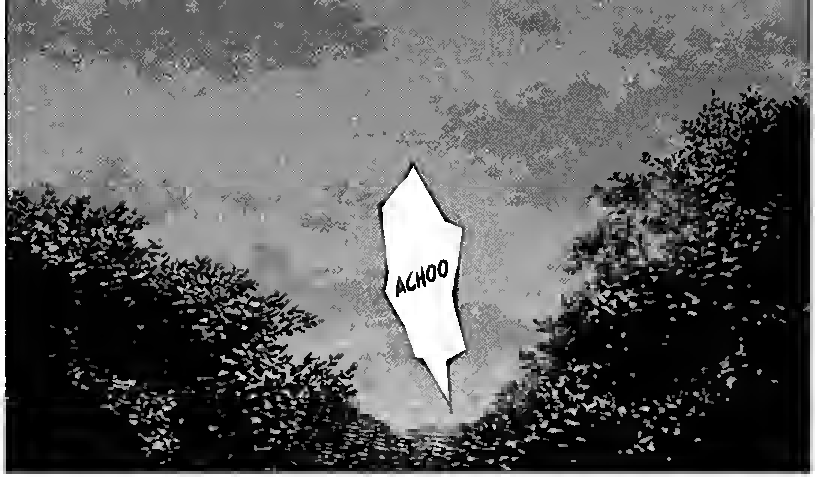
DO YOU THINK YOU COULD KILL ME WHENEVER YOU WANT?
Or,
ARE YOU PUTTING ME DOWN, SAYING SOMEONE LIKE ME CAN'T KILL YOU?
I WONDER
Ufu fu.
THIS IS JUST FOR INSTANCE-
THEN,
Who would remain standing?
IF THE TWO OF US HAD A DEATH-MATCH,
SO THE QUESTION ITSELF IS POINT-LESS.
EITHER WAY, I HAVE NO INTENTION OF HAVING A DEATHMATCH WITH YOU

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO'D REMAIN STANDING, THAT WOULD BE ME WITHOUT QUESTION
BUT-
IF IT WAS A QUESTION OF WHO MIGHT KILL THEIR OPPONENT
IT WOULD PROBABLY BE YOU
...HEE.
WHY?
Hitoshiki

BE-
CAUSE.
EVEN IF THERE ARE "THOSE WHO WOULD KILL THEIR OLDER BROTHERS" IN THIS WORLD
THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS "ONE WHO WOULD KILL THEIR LITTLE BROTHER"
HUH?
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE WORLD HERE.
"ONE WHO WOULD KILL THEIR LITTLE BROTHER."
"ONE WHO WOULD KILL THEIR LITTLE BROTHER."
THAT PERSON'S NO LONGER HUMAN OR EVEN A DEMON
THEY'VE GOTTA BE OUT THERE SOMEWHERE.
THEY'RE JUST A BEAST, A MONSTER.
AT THAT POINT-

They can no longer be called an "older brother".
Kohe hi
I SEE.
That's pretty.

RIDICU-
LOUS
I'M GOING TO LEAVE YOU BEHIND IF YOU KEEP PLAYING AROUND
COME ON HITO-SHIKI,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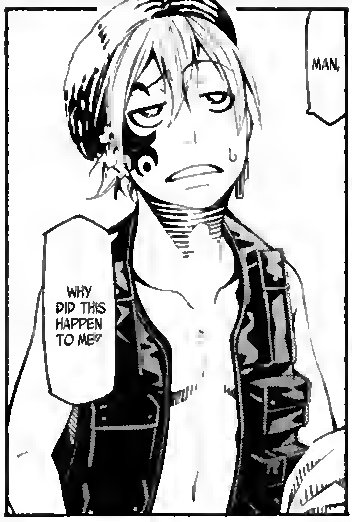
MAN,
WHY DID THIS HAPPEN TO ME?

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WELL WHAT CAN YOU DO?

IORI'S HANDS ARE LIKE THIS NOW.
AND I CAN'T MOVE AROUND IN CLOTHES COVERED IN BLOOD AND MUD, CAN I?
...I KNOW.
DON'T WORRY, IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND OR ANYTHING.
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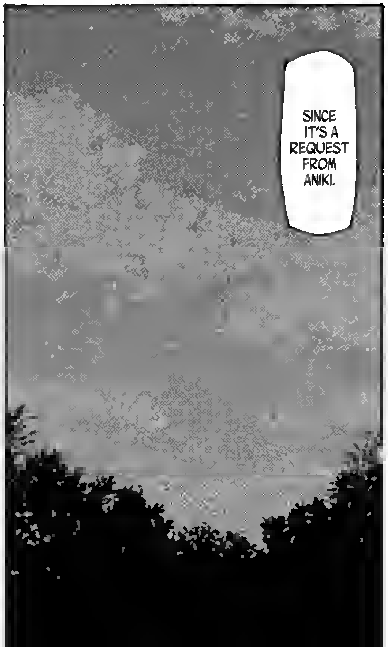
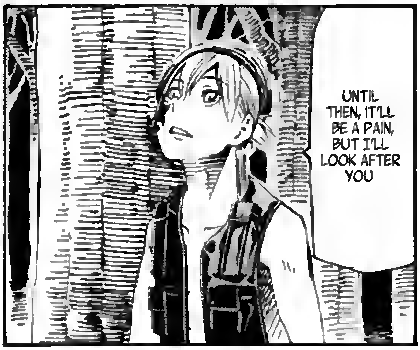
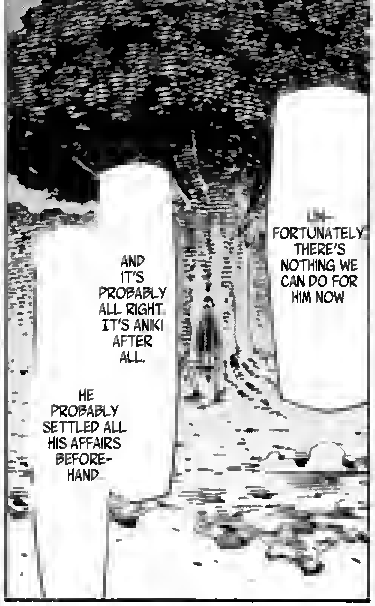
AND I KNOW A SKILLED ARTIFICIAL LIMBS MAKER FOR THOSE ARMS.
IT'LL ACTUALLY BE MORE CONVEN-IENT THAN BEFORE.
AND THEN, I'LL INTROPUCE YOU TO THE BEST OF THE WORST ZEROZAKI AS FAR AS I KNOW.
AFTER THAT, YOU CAN FOLLOW THEM AROUND AND LIVE, OR DIE, OR DECEIVE, OR BE DECEIVED WHATEVER YOU WANT.

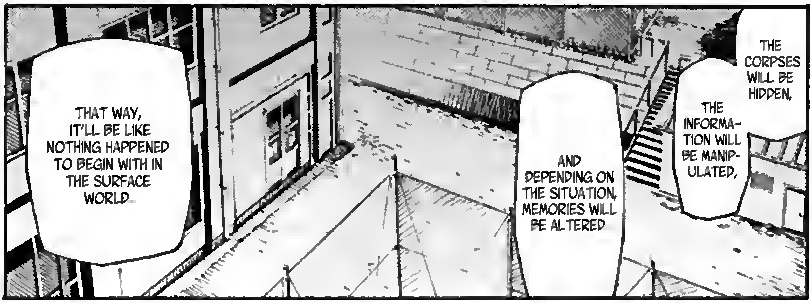

SINCE IT'S A REQUEST FROM ANIKI.


UNTIL THEN, IT'LL BE A PAIN, BUT I'LL LOOK AFTER YOU

HMM?
HITO-SHIKI-KUN..
It's too bad.
About Soushiki-san, isn't it?

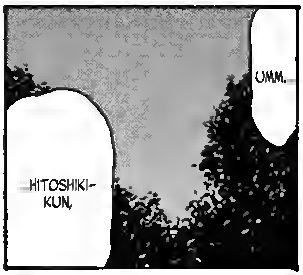

FORTUNATELY THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO FOR HIM NOW
AND IT'S PROBABLY ALL RIGHT. IT'S ANIKI AFTER ALL.
HE PROBABLY SETTLED ALL HIS AFFAIRS BEFORE-HAND.

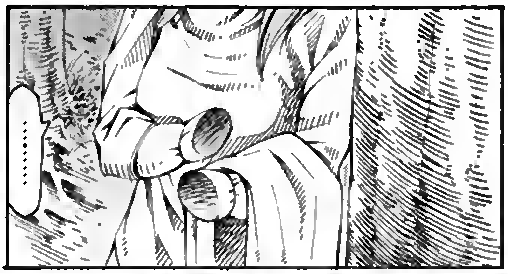
WAS IT REALLY OKAY TO LEAVE HIM LIKE THAT?


THE CORPSES WILL BE HIDDEN.
THE INFORMA-TION WILL BE MANIP-ULATED.
AND DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION, MEMORIES WILL BE ALTERED.
THAT WAY, IT'LL BE LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED TO BEGIN WITH IN THE SURFACE WORLD.

YOUR FAMILY AND THE OTHER PUPPETS TOO,
THEY'LL PROBABLY BE TREATED AS HAVING BEEN TRANSFERRED SOMEWHERE FAR FOR WORK, OR HAVING DIED IN AN ACCIDENT.
THAT'S THE SORT OF WORLD YOU CHOSE.

WELL...
DURING ANIKI'S TIME, AN ENTIRE CITY DISAPPEARED, SO JUST THINK OF THIS AS HAVING ENDED IN THE BEST POSSIBLE WAY.

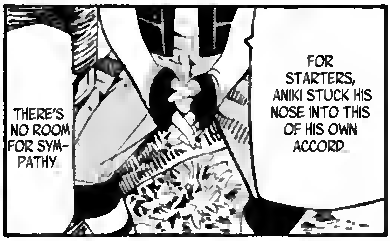

UMM...
HITOSHIKI-KUN,



WOULD YOU HAVE PREFERRED IT IF I HAD DIED AND SOUSHIKI-SAN HAD LIVED?
HUH?

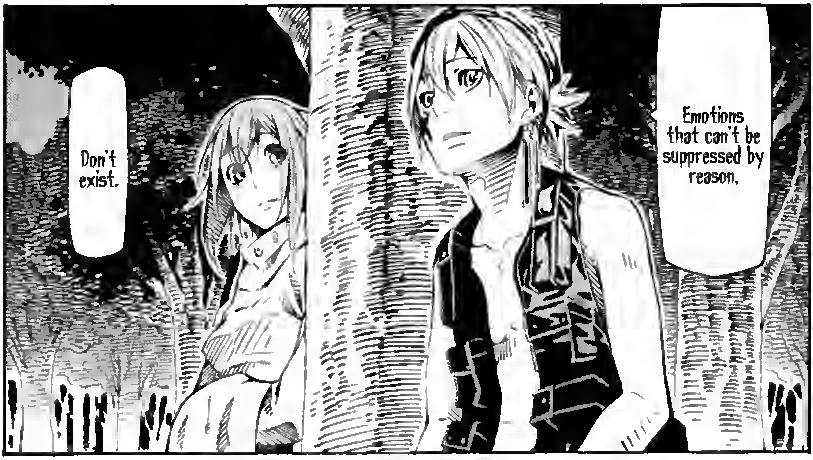
WAIT, DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE THINKING ANIKI DIED BECAUSE OF YOU
NOT REALLY

HITOSHIKI-KUN... AREN'T YOU LONELY?
LONE-LY?


FOR STARTERS, ANIKI STUCK HIS NOSE INTO THIS OF HIS OWN ACCORD.
THERE'S NO ROOM FOR SYM-PATHY.

Homicidal monsters live in solitude.
Because of that, Soushiki-san said he created a family.

I TOLD YOU RIGHT? I'M COMPLETELY FINE EVEN IF I'M ALONE.
BESIDES, TALKING ABOUT BEING LONELY OR SAD AFTER KILLING PEOPLE, THAT'S BEING SELFISH
COMPARED TO REASON, EMOTIONS AREN'T ALL THAT GREAT.
...IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T UNDER-STAND, BUT—
BUT STILL, AREN'T EMOTIONS WHAT THEY ARE BECAUSE YOU CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THEM?
THIS IS THE LESSON I LEARNED FROM "HIM" WHILE I WAS WANDERING ABOUT.


Don't exist.
Emotions that can't be suppressed by reason.

YOU'RE PRETTY COLD, AREN'T YOU, HITOSHIKI-KUN?
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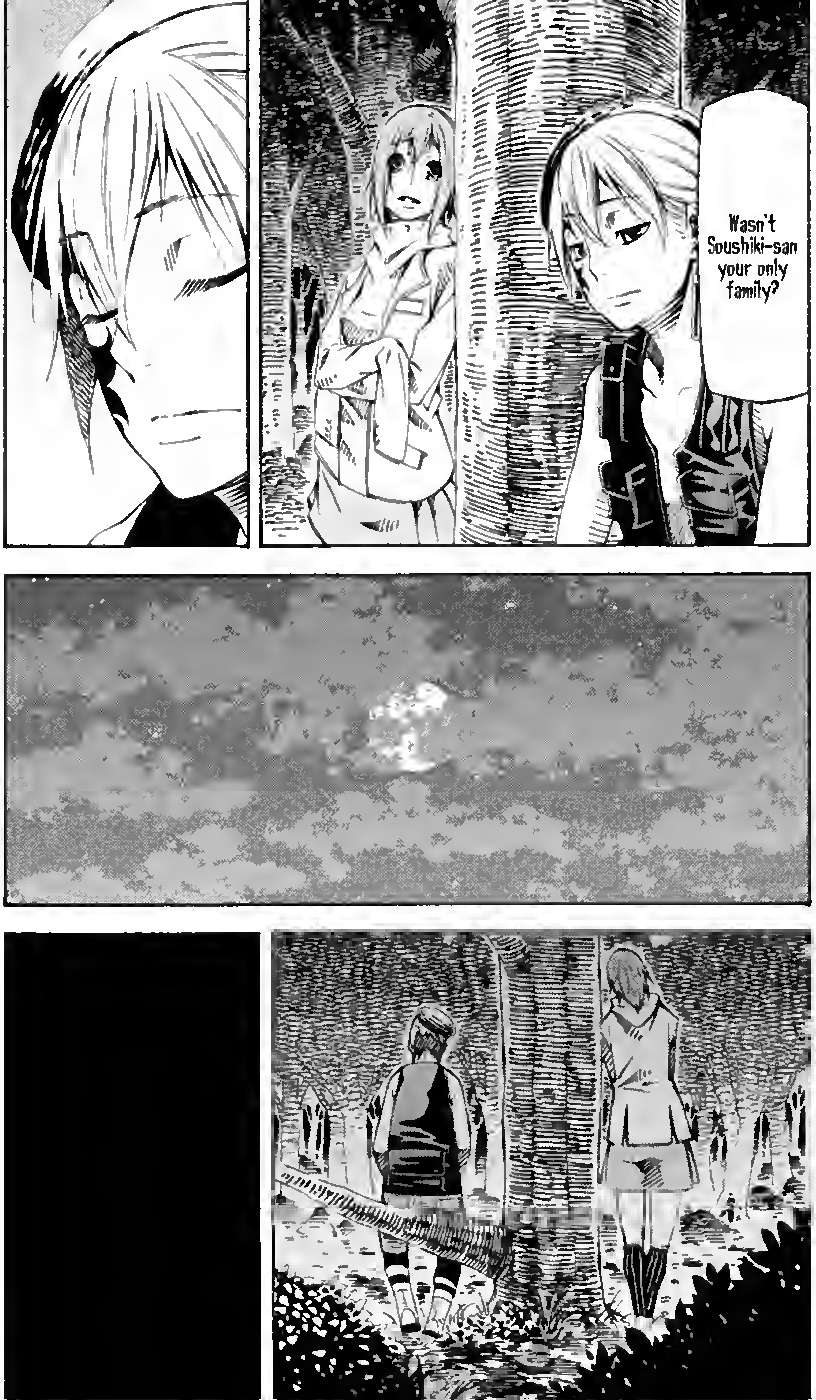
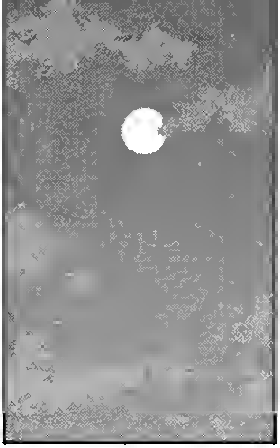

Wasn't Soushiki-san your only family?

ANIKI,
HE USED TO HIT ME A LOT.

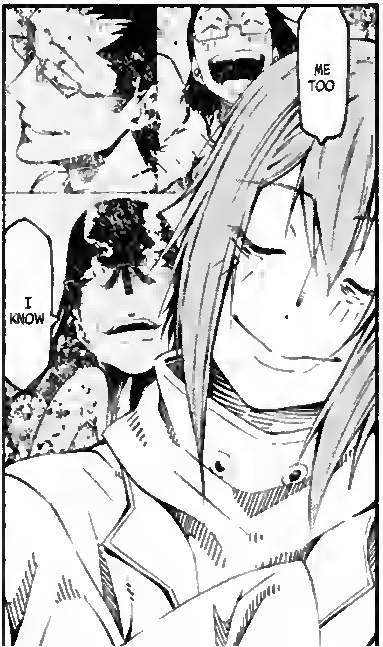
Aniki looked after me.
Aniki... cared for me.
Aniki worried about me.
Aniki raised me.
Aniki found me
Aniki saved me.

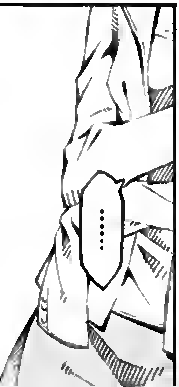
About him
I KNOW ANIKI BETTER THAN I'D LIKE TO.
THERE'S NOTHING BUT STUFF THAT WOULD PISS ME OFF AND I CAN'T HELP BUT WANT TO FORGET, BUT
I RE-MEMBER. NOT MUCH I CAN DO ABOUT THAT.
SO ANIKI AND I AREN'T ALONE.
IT'S THE SAME WHETHER HE'S HERE OR NOT.
IT WON'T ERASE THE PAST.
ANIKI WAS DEFINITELY HERE
I KNOW EVERY-THING-



YUP.

HE IS.
AND A HELPLESS IDIOT ON TOP OF THAT
THOUGH AT FIRST, I THOUGHT HE WAS JUST SOME PERVERT


ME TOO
I KNOW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HIS LEVEL AS A HOMICIDAL MONSTER WAS HIGH, BUT THAT'S AS FAR AS HE WENT.

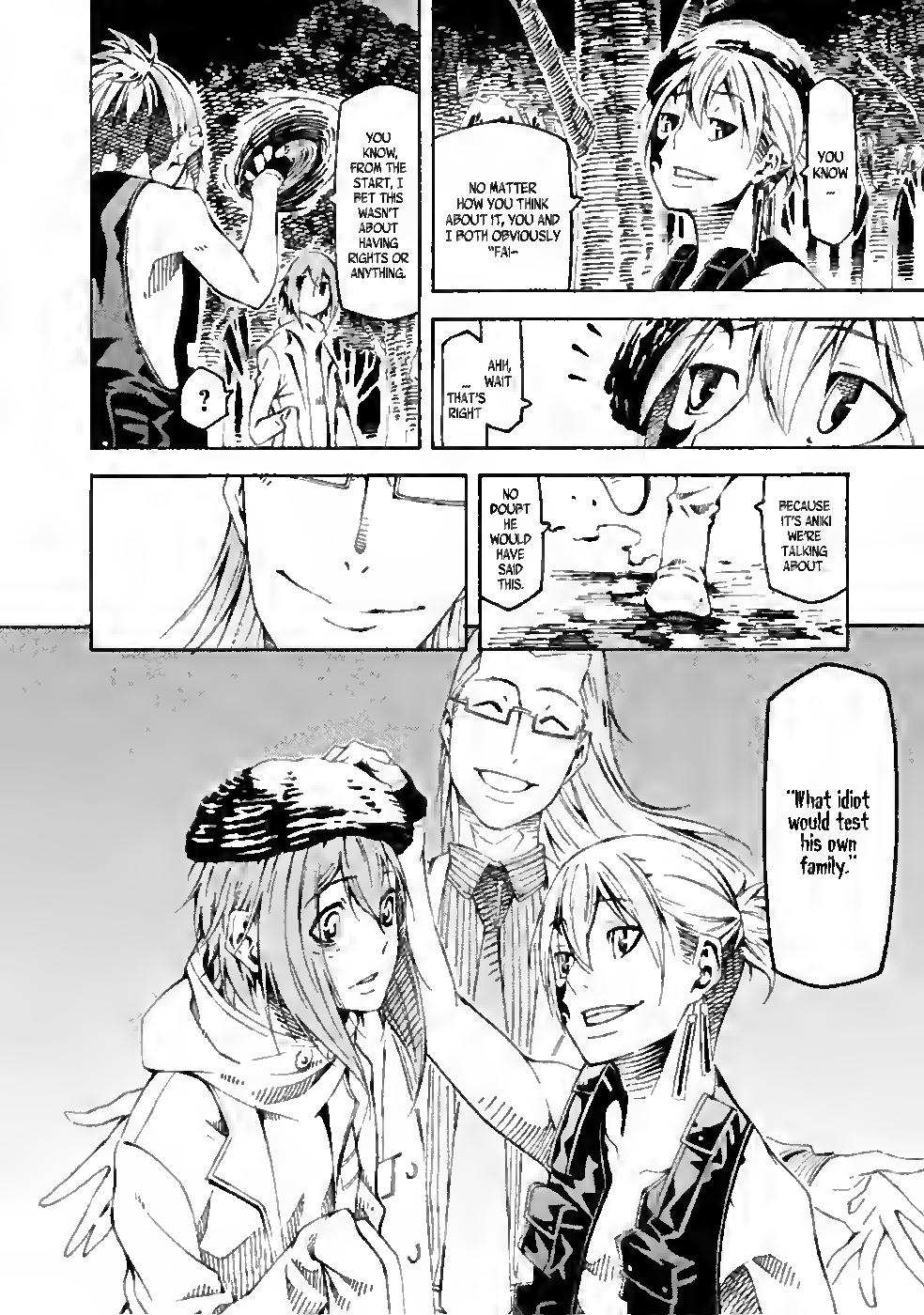
I AGREE WITH THAT, BUT THAT'S NOT SOMETHING LIMITED TO ANIKI
SOUSHIKI-SAN, HE PROBABLY ALWAYS THOUGHT OF HIMSELF AS A "FAILURE",
DIDN'T HE?

JUST LIKE HOW YOU THOUGHT OF YOUR LIFE AS AN "ESCAPE" UNTIL A LITTLE EARLIER,
EVERYONE LIVES THEIR LIVES WHILE EMBRACING SOME DISSATISFACTION WITH THEMSELVES.

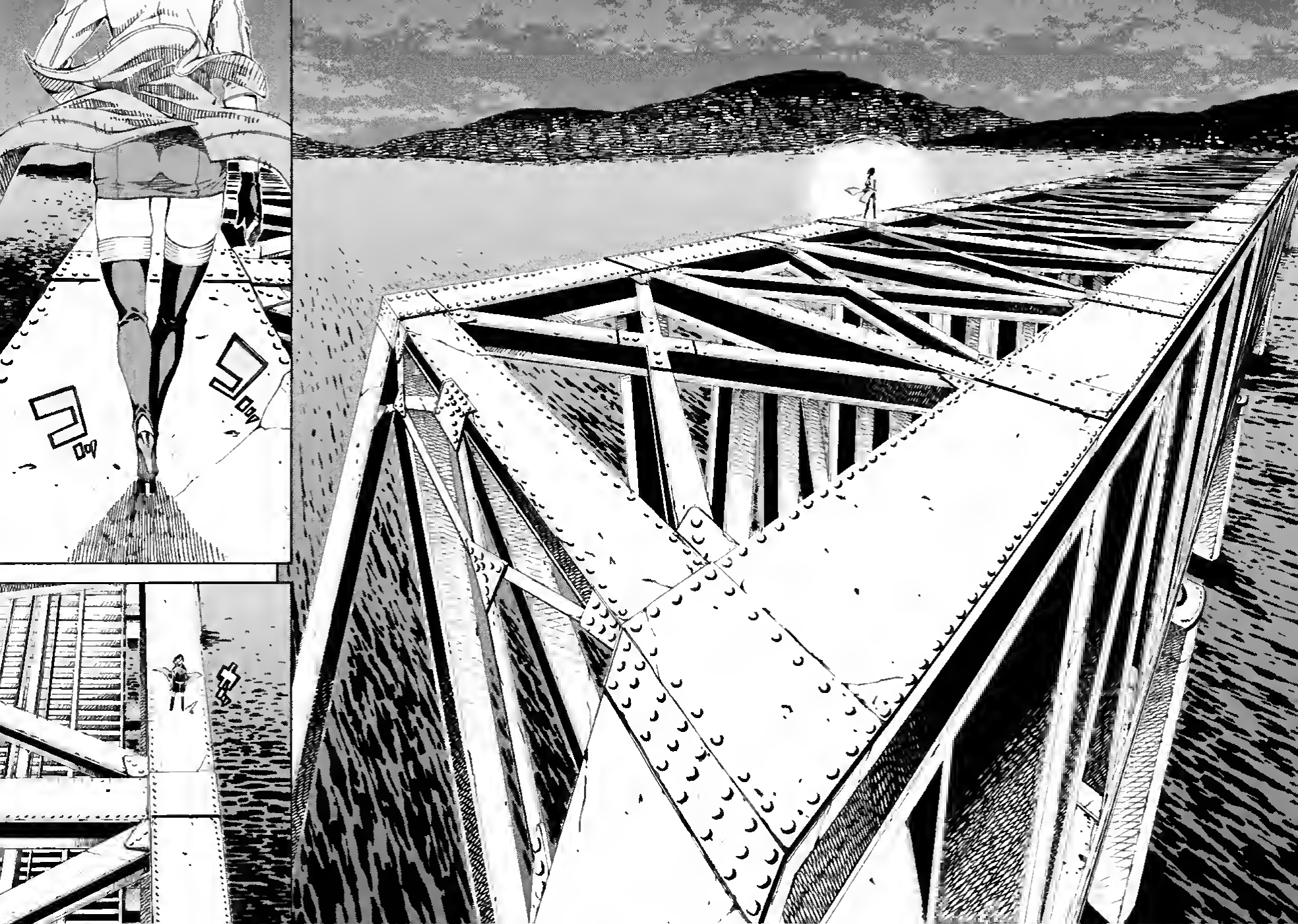
HE HAD A DEAR LITTLE BROTHER LIKE ME.
And found a mischievous little sister like you.

I UNDERSTAND IT'S EASY TO SYMPATHIZE, BUT DON'T MAKE ANIKI OUT TO BE THE PROTAGONIST OF SOME TRAGIC PLAY.
ANIKI ENJOYED HIS LIFE QUITE A BIT

He even found himself a successor to his scissors.
...ARE YOU SURE THIS IS ALL RIGHT?
HMM? WHAT?
WELL, DOES THIS MEAN I HAVE THE RIGHT,
TO CARRY ON THE SCISSORS, AND THAT I "PASS"?


YOU KNOW, FROM THE START, I BET THIS WASN'T ABOUT HAVING RIGHTS OR ANYTHING.
?
NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT, YOU AND I BOTH OBVIOUSLY "FAI-
YOU KNOW ...
AHH, WAIT ... THAT'S RIGHT
NO DOUPT HE WOULD HAVE SAID THIS.
BECAUSE IT'S ANIKI WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
"What idiot would test his own family."

RIGHT?
NOW THEN, LET'S GET OUT OF THIS TOWN BEFORE A RED MONSTER CATCHES UP TO US.
I'M GONNA LEAVE YOU BEHIND IF YOU DON'T KEEP UP.
AHH, WAIT FOR ME
WE'RE FAMILY, SO LET'S BE MORE LOVEY-DOVEY~



I CAME TO END THINGS.
HOMICIDAL MONSTERS

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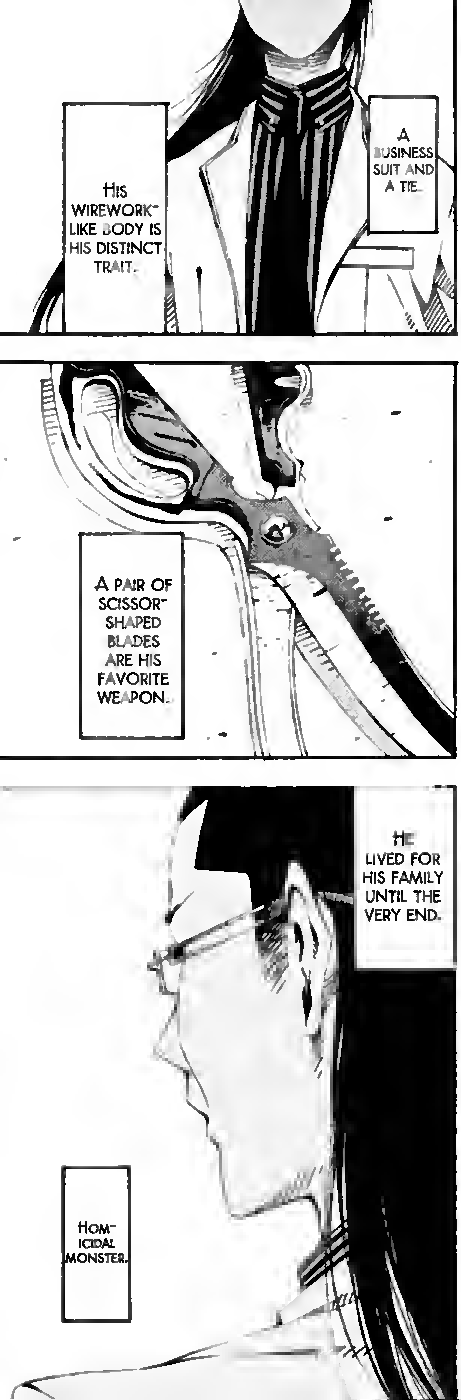
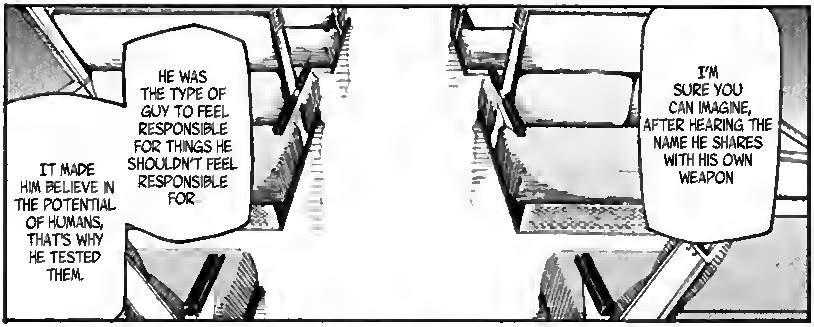
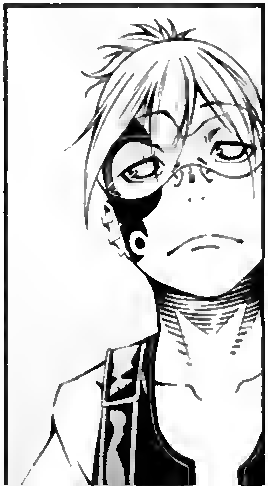

His wirework-like body is his distinct trait.
A business suit and a tie.
A pair of scissor-shaped blades are his favorite weapon.
He lived for his family until the very end.
Homicidal monster.
FINAL QUESTION
Zero-zaki Sou-shiki
The Zero-zaki family's eldest son
Alias: "Mind Render"

FINAL QUESTION

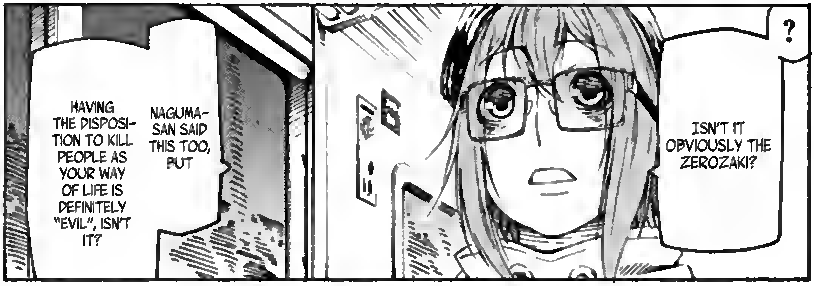
YOU KNOW, ANIKI...
HE WAS A GUY WHO WAS NEVER ABLE TO RUN AWAY FROM HIS SENSE OF GUILT.


I'M SURE YOU CAN IMAGINE, AFTER HEARING THE NAME HE SHARES WITH HIS OWN WEAPON
HE WAS THE TYPE OF GUY TO FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR THINGS HE SHOULDN'T FEEL RESPONSIBLE FOR.
IT MADE HIM BELIEVE IN THE POTENTIAL OF HUMANS, THAT'S WHY HE TESTED THEM.



"WHEN PEOPLE DIE, THERE IS ALWAYS 'EVIL' THERE"
IT WAS HIS FAVORITE LINE.

BUT IF THAT'S TRUE, IN THIS PARTICULAR CASE,
WHO EXACTLY DO YOU THINK WAS "EVIL"?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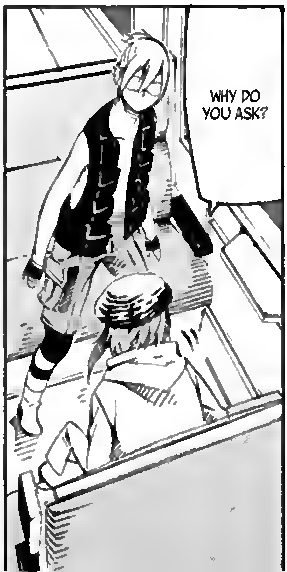
ISN'T IT OBVIOUSLY THE ZEROZAKI?
NAGUMA-SAN SAID THIS TOO, BUT
HAVING THE DISPOSITION TO KILL PEOPLE AS YOUR WAY OF LIFE IS DEFINITELY "EVIL", ISN'T IT?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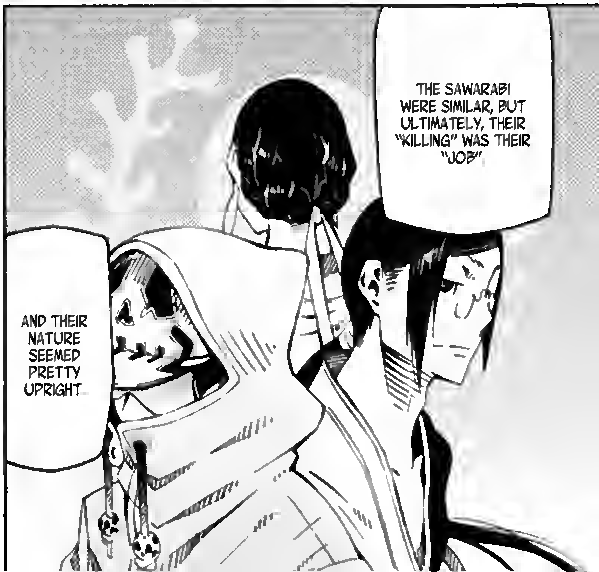
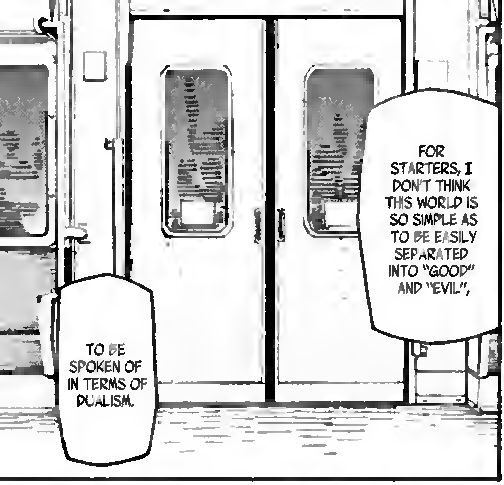

THE SAWARABI WERE SIMILAR, BUT ULTIMATELY, THEIR "KILLING" WAS THEIR "JOB".
AND THEIR NATURE SEEMED PRETTY UPRIGHT.


FOR STARTERS, I DON'T THINK THIS WORLD IS SO SIMPLE AS TO BE EASILY SEPARATED INTO "GOOD" AND "EVIL",
TO BE SPOKEN OF IN TERMS OF DUALISM.

IT'S JUST,
I PRETTY MUCH HAD THE SAME OPINION AS ANIKI UNTIL RECENTLY, BUT
THE SITUA-TION'S CHANGED SO THAT I CAN'T HELP BUT CHANGE MY THOUGHTS A BIT.
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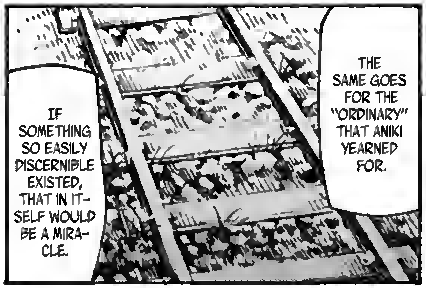
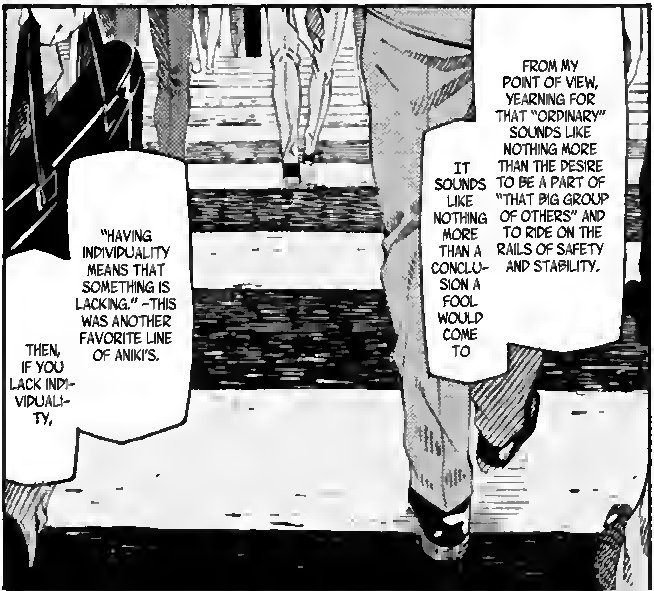
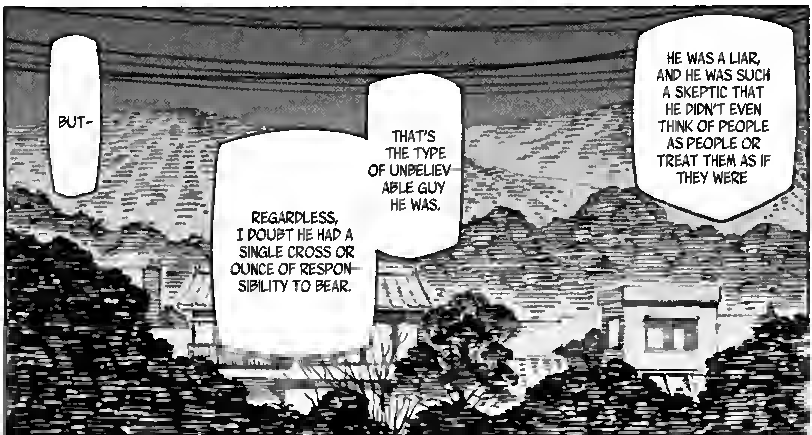

THE SAME GOES FOR THE "ORDINARY" THAT ANIKI YEARNED FOR.
IF SOMETHING SO EASILY DISCERNIBLE EXISTED, THAT IN IT-SELF WOULD BE A MIRA-CLE.


FROM MY POINT OF VIEW, YEARNING FOR THAT "ORDINARY" SOUNDS LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN THE DESIRE TO BE A PART OF "THAT BIG GROUP OF OTHERS" AND TO RIDE ON THE RAILS OF SAFETY AND STABILITY.
IT SOUNDS LIKE NOTHING MORE THAN A CONCLU-SION A FOOL WOULD COME TO
"HAVING INDIVIDUALITY MEANS THAT SOMETHING IS LACKING." -THIS WAS ANOTHER FAVORITE LINE OF ANIKI'S.
THEN, IF YOU LACK INDI-VIDUALI-TY,
Wouldn't that mean that you have nothing at all?

THAT GUY I MET IN KYOTO,
WASN'T "BAD" AT ALL.


HE WAS A LIAR, AND HE WAS SUCH A SKEPTIC THAT HE DIDN'T EVEN THINK OF PEOPLE AS PEOPLE OR TREAT THEM AS IF THEY WERE
THAT'S THE TYPE OF UNBELIEVABLE GUY HE WAS.
BUT-
REGARDLESS, I DOUBT HE HAD A SINGLE CROSS OR OUNCE OF RESPONSIBILITY TO BEAR.

He was way beyond either me or Aniki.
He mass murdered so many people, an average person wouldn't be able to remember the number.
Even though he isn't "bad" at all,
He kills through his existence alone

HE'S PROBABLY CLOSER TO THAT THAN WE ARE, BUT THAT'S WRONG TOO
HE DOESN'T REALLY FIT INTO ANY SET CATEGORY OF DISPOSITION LIKE WE DO

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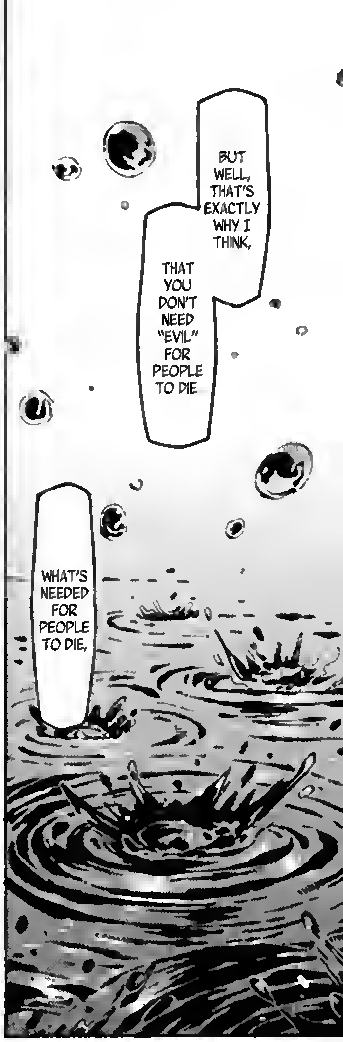
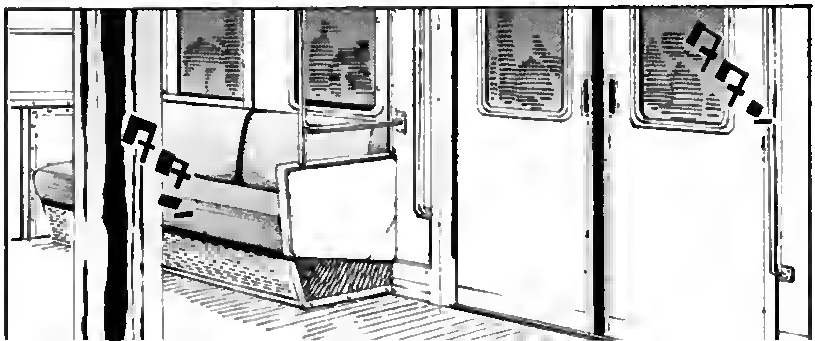
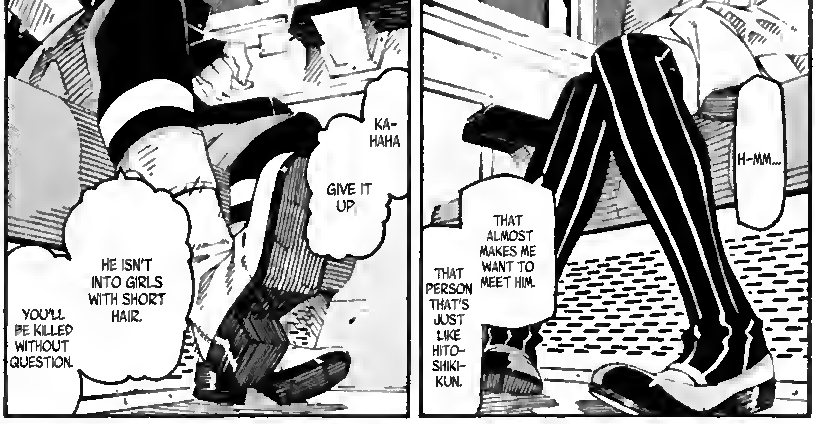
HE SORT OF SOUNDS LIKE A CURSING NAME

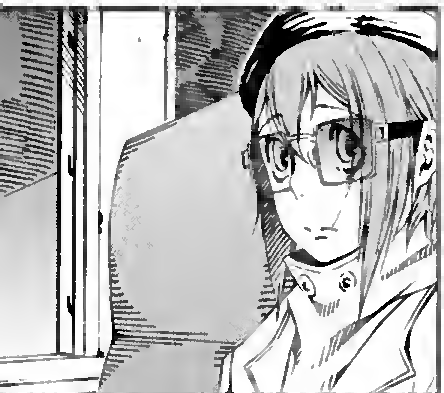
Is just a sharp edge and bloodshed


WHAT'S NEEDED FOR PEOPLE TO DIE,
THAT YOU DON'T NEED "EVIL" FOR PEOPLE TO DIE
BUT WELL, THAT'S EXACTLY WHY I THINK,




KA-HAHA
GIVE IT UP.
HE ISN'T INTO GIRLS WITH SHORT HAIR.
YOU'LL BE KILLED WITHOUT QUESTION.
H-MM...
THAT ALMOST MAKES ME WANT TO MEET HIM.
THAT PERSON THAT'S JUST LIKE HITO-SHIKI-KUN.

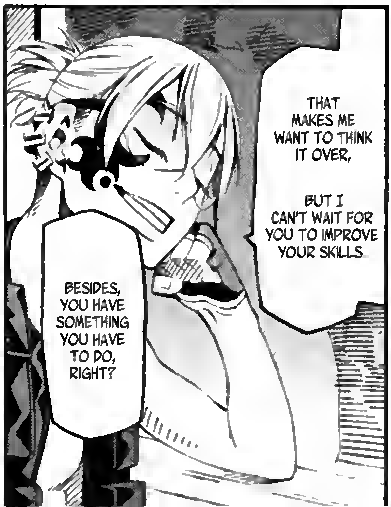
KYOTO'S GOING TO BE THE WORK OF ART THAT BRINGS ME FAME AFTER DEATH.
HE'S THE COMPLETELY OPPOSITE OF ME WHO DOES SHOW MERCY BUT ISN'T KIND AT ALL.
AS KIND AS HE IS, HE SHOWS NO MERCY.



Ufufu, that too...
...doesn't sound so bad.

HITO-SHIKI-KUN,
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO NOW?

THERE ARE ABOUT 2 PEOPLE THAT I NEVER WANT TO SEE AGAIN IN THIS COUNTRY.
AS SOON AS MY BUSINESS IS DONE, I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE.

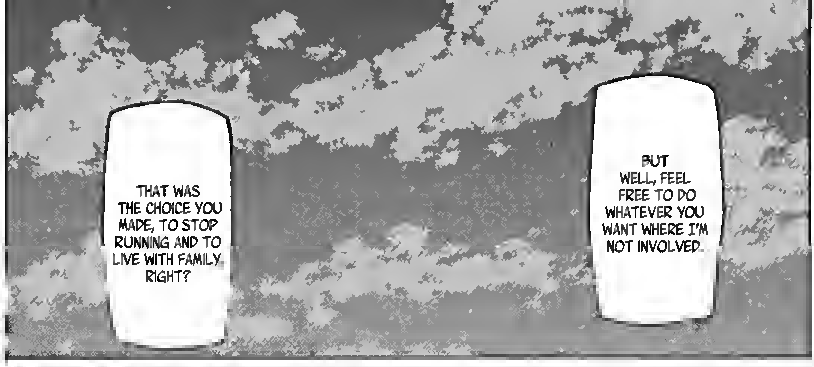

THAT MAKES ME WANT TO THINK IT OVER,
BUT I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS.
BESIDES, YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU HAVE TO DO, RIGHT?

YOU'RE ACTUALLY PRETTY MUCH MY TYPE, HITOSHIKI-KUN.
CAN'T GO WITH YOU?

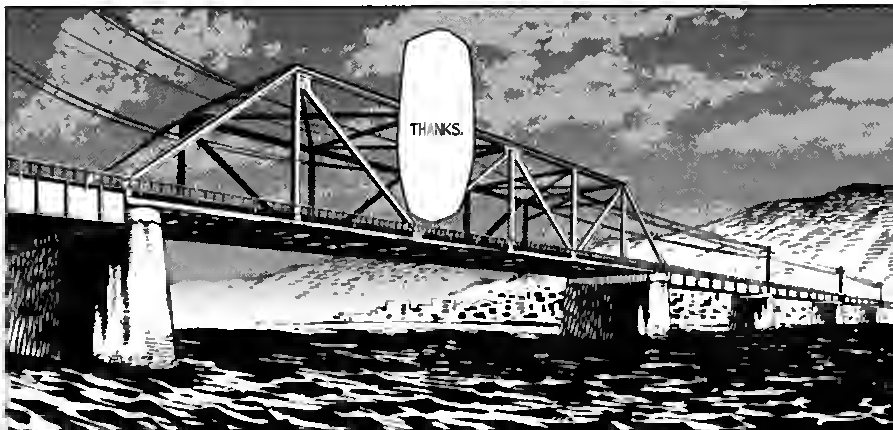
I'm talking about revenge for Aniki.
I DON'T BELIEVE THOSE GUYS THOUGHT UP THIS INCIDENT ON THEIR OWN.
THERE SHOULD BE OTHER CONSPIRATORS.
IF YOU SAY YOU WANT TO BECOME FAMILY, THEN YOU CAN'T LET THEM GO.

AREN'T GOING FOR IT, HITOSHIKI-KUN?
FOR REVENGE?

I WAS ONLY A PART OF THE FAMILY BECAUSE ANIKI INVITED ME.
PLUS, I'M NO GOOD WITH THAT HACK AND SLASH WORLD
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I WOULDN'T RECOMMEND IT.


THAT WAS THE CHOICE YOU MADE, TO STOP RUNNING AND TO LIVE WITH FAMILY, RIGHT?
BUT WELL, FEEL FREE TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT WHERE I'M NOT INVOLVED.

Ufufu
I'LL SECRETLY BE CHEERING YOU ON FROM A PLACE YOU CAN'T SEE, JUST ENOUGH SO I DON'T GET CAUGHT.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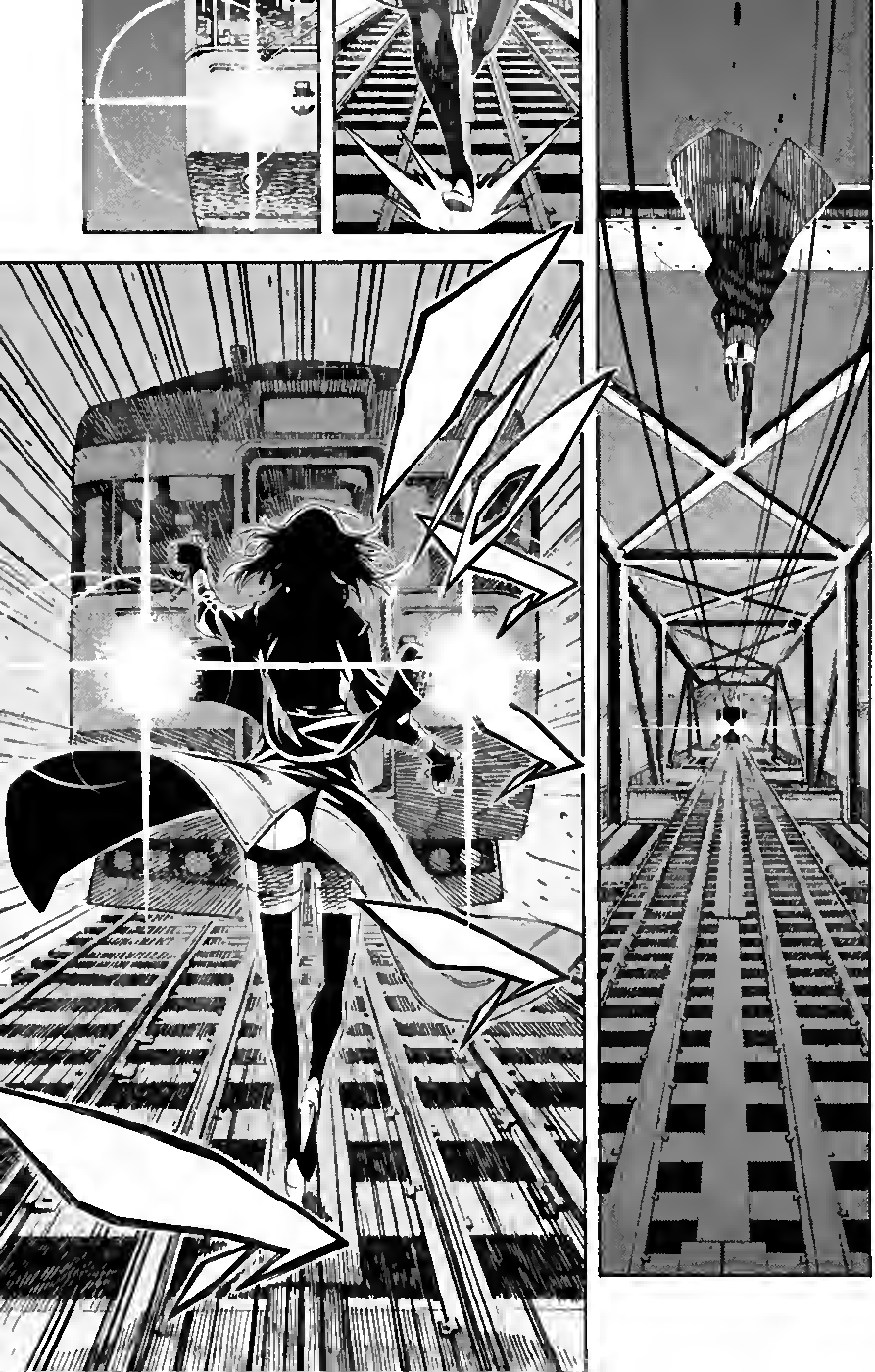

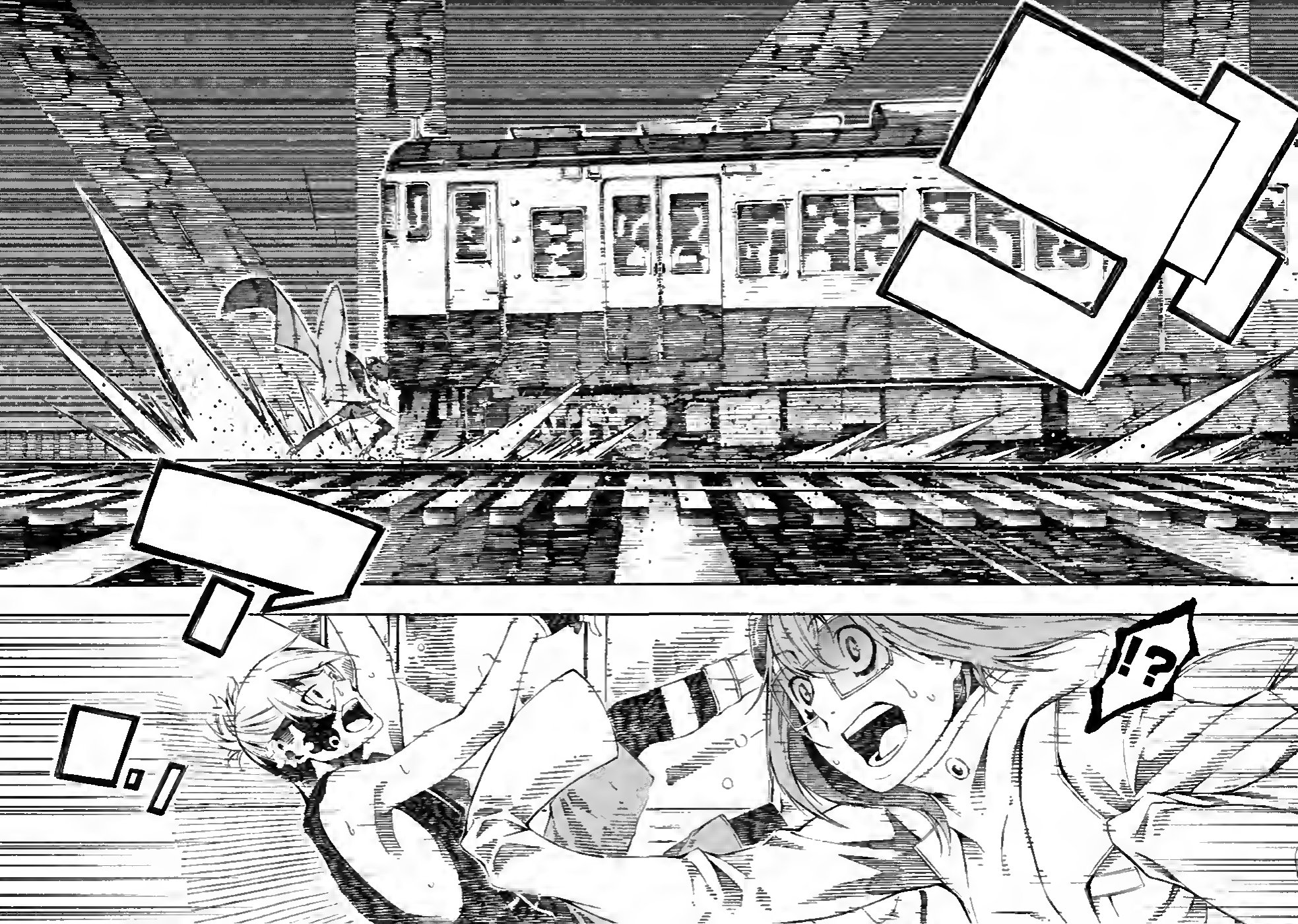

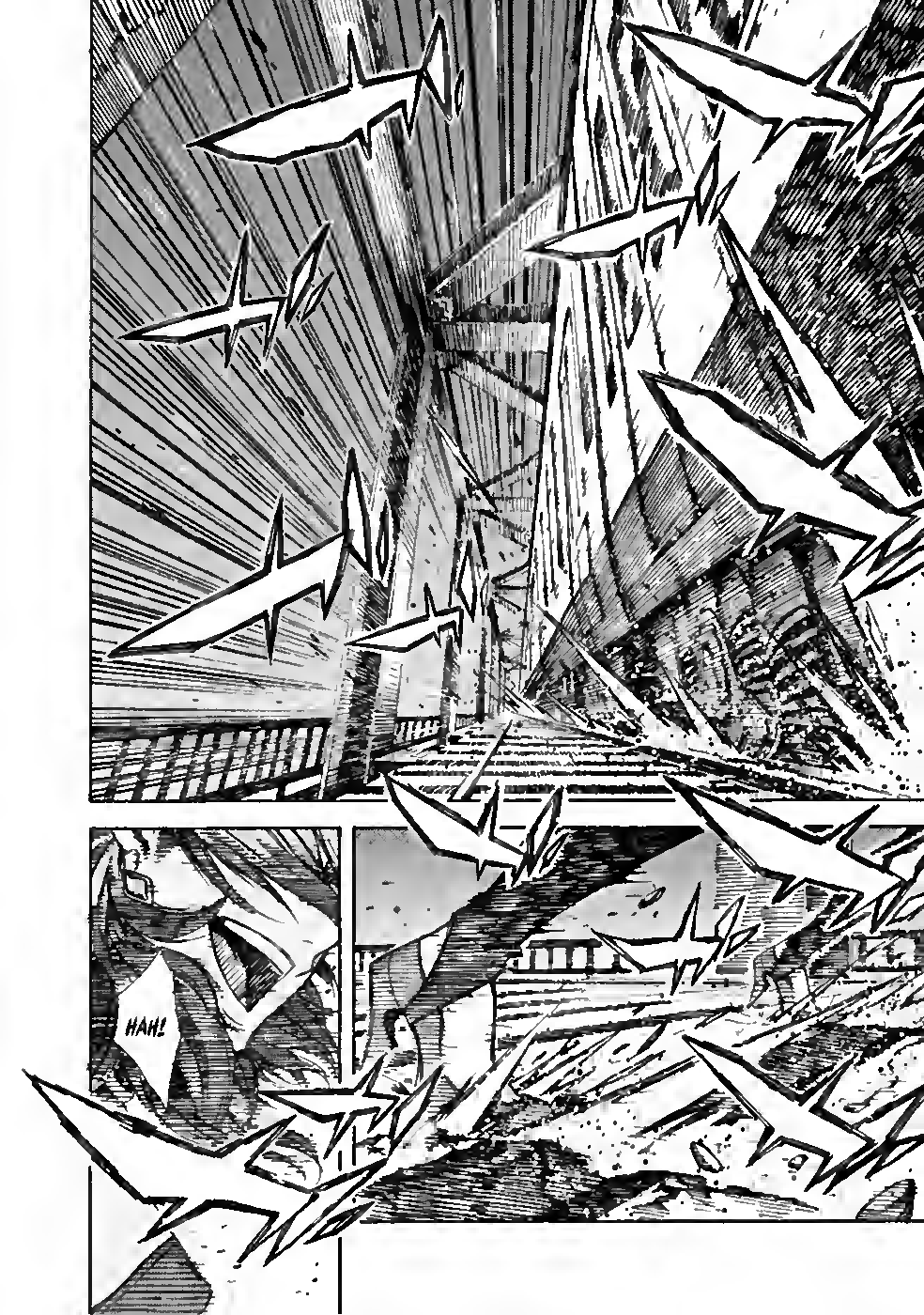
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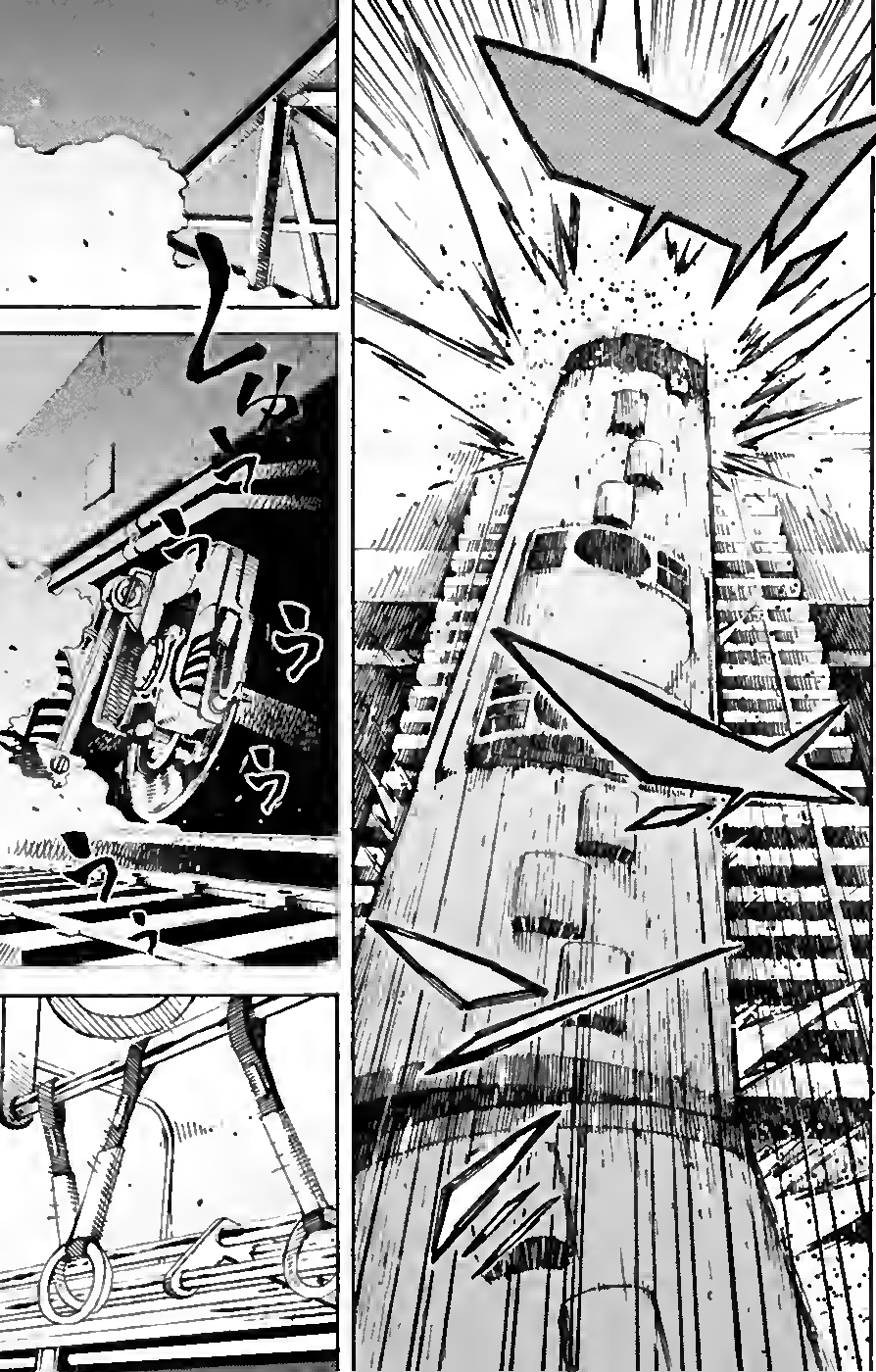
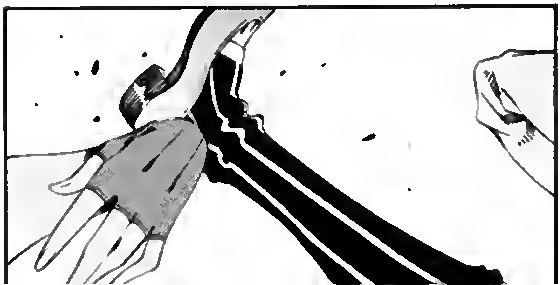


Unah~
Were stopped.
D.. DID WE RUN INTO SOME-THING?
.....
NO, WE...

UNAH?!
!?
!?
I WENT HERE AND THERE LOOKING ALL OVER FOR YOU, HITOSHIKI-KUN.

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN KILL ME AND TAKE ME APART, THEN LINE UP THE PIECES AND HANG THEM FOR SHOW.
THEN GO AHEAD AND TRY TO KILL ME AND TAKE ME APART, THEN LINE UP THE PIECES AND HANG THEM FOR SHOW.
NOW-

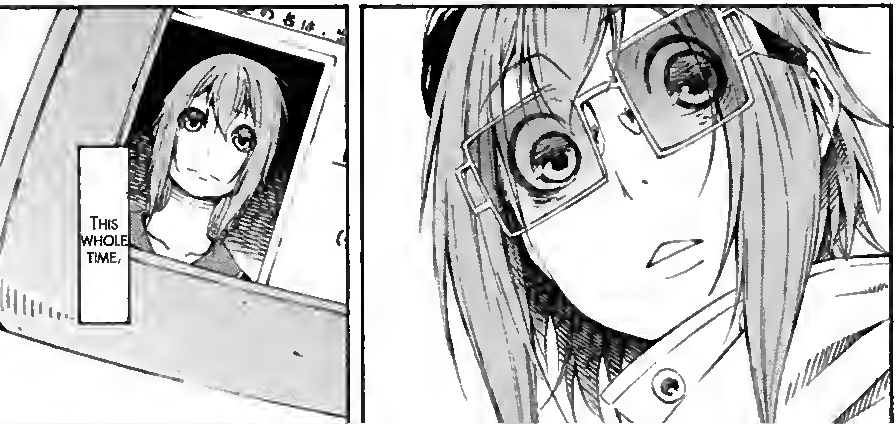
HUH... OH NO
IORI-CHAN LOST TOO MUCH BLOOD AND SHE'S SEEING A RED HALLUCINATION
MAN...
WITH ALL SINCERITY,
HITOSHIKI-KUN?!
THIS IS RIDICULOUS!
GEEZ



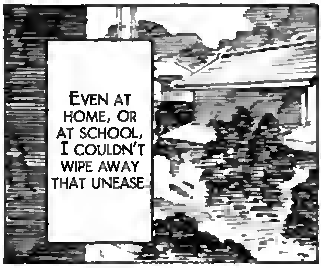
DAAHHH

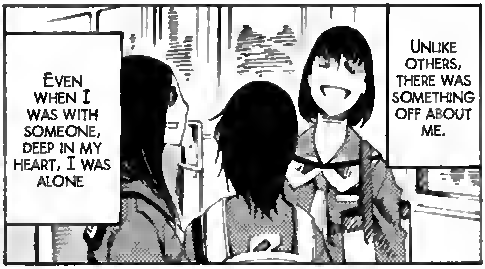
KAHH

BESIDES, YOU UNDER-STAND NOW, RIGHT?
SHE ISN'T SOMEONE WE CAN GO AGAINST JUST BECAUSE THERE ARE TWO OF US HERE.
YOU'RE HURT SO DON'T PUSH YOURSELF
S... SOMEHOW ...
...YOU OKAY?
WAIT-
YOU LOOK FOR AN OPENING AND RUN FOR IT
SORRY FOR NOT KEEPING MY PROMISE, BUT DEEP CRIMSON'S TARGET IS ME.
WHAT ARE YOU..?


THIS WHOLE TIME,

I LIVED MY LIFE THINKING THERE WAS NOWHERE I BELONGED.


EVEN AT HOME, OR AT SCHOOL, I COULDN'T WIPE AWAY THAT UNEASE.


EVEN WHEN I WAS WITH SOMEONE, DEEP IN MY HEART, I WAS ALONE
UNLIKE OTHERS, THERE WAS SOMETHING OFF ABOUT ME.

I THOUGHT I'D SLOWLY DIE.
AND WHILE HOLDING ON TO THE FEELING THAT I'D NEVER BE ABLE TO REACH ANY DESTINATION,
SO I RAN AWAY FROM ALL SORTS OF THINGS,

THIS IS PROBABLY MY LAST STOP.
BUT STILL,
I WON'T GIVE UP
HAVING STRAYED FROM MY PATH, I CAN'T REACH ANY DESTINATION NOW.
BECAUSE I'M NOT ALONE.
THAT'S WHY, I'M DONE NOW.

NO MORE RUNNING.
H-HEY

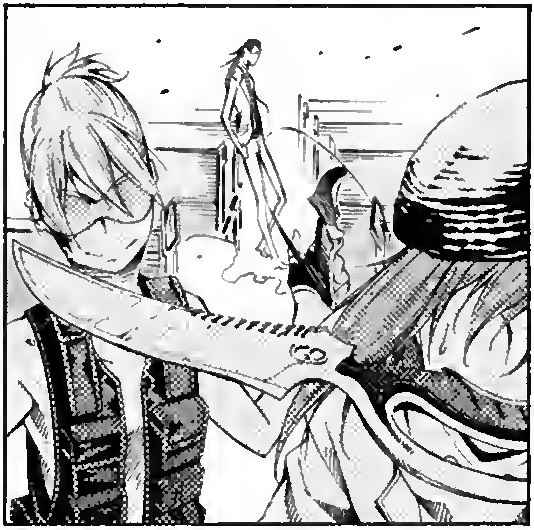
GOOD BYE.
MUTOH IORI-CHAN.

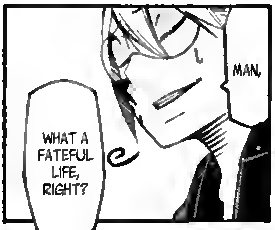
THAT WAS CLOSE
OWAH!

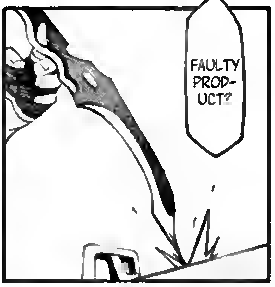
Is my enemy.
BECAUSE THE FAMILY'S ENEMY-
I'LL FIGHT TOO
I'LL ASSIST
Thanks.

YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN WONDERING ABOUT...
THIS SINCE EARLIER BUT I'VE NEVER SEEN YOUR FACE BEFORE. ARE YOU...
.....
A MEMBER OF THE ZEROZAKI FAMILY?

YES, THAT'S RIGHT.




MAN,
WHAT A FATEFUL LIFE, RIGHT?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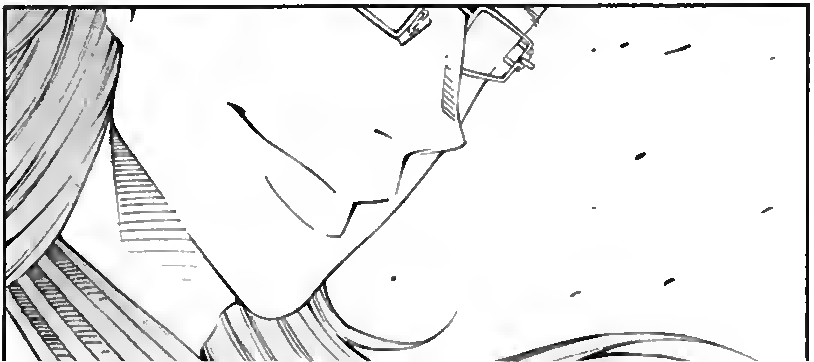

NOW
THEN.

ZEROZAKI MAIORI,
WILL COM-MENCE ...
ZERO-ZAKI!

FINAL QUESTION END

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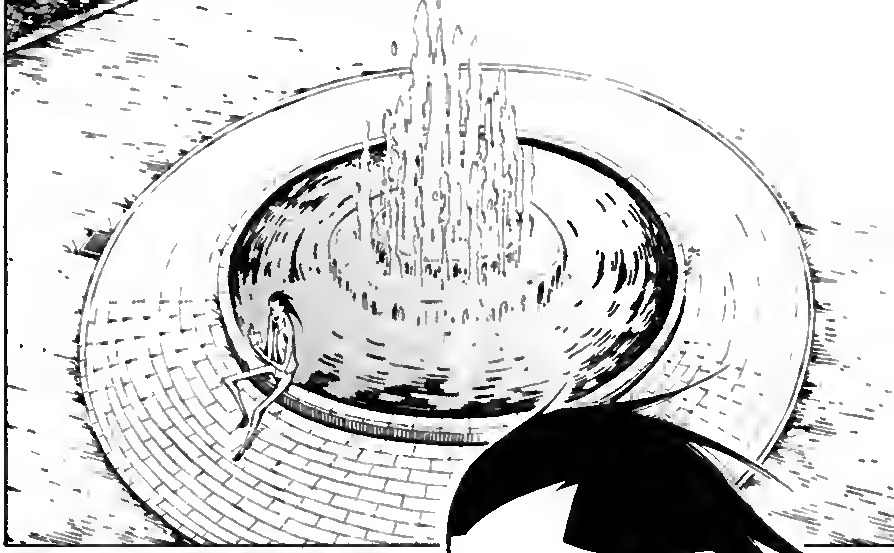
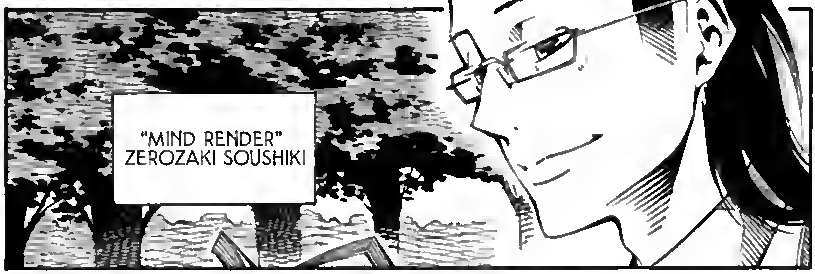
HEY, SOU-CHAN.
IF SOMETHING WERE TO HAPPEN TO US,
PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THIS CHILD
SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM
THIS CHILD IS THE ONLY CHILD BORN BETWEEN FELLOW ZEROZAKI.
AND BECAUSE HE IS THE EPITOME OF THE ZEROZAKI, THE DESTRUCTION OF THE FAMILY DWELLS WITHIN HIM.
AS THE ELDEST SON,
PROTECT HIM
I... I...
?

I HAVE NO MEMORIES OF THE TIME BEFORE YOU SAVED ME
SIBLINGS... FAMILY...
I DON'T KNOW HOW TO APPROACH THINGS LIKE THAT
Ufufu
IT'S ALL RIGHT
Through this child I'm sure you'll find the true meaning.
Of becoming a family.

SUPPLEMENTARY EXAM

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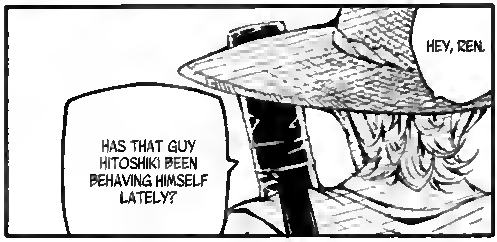
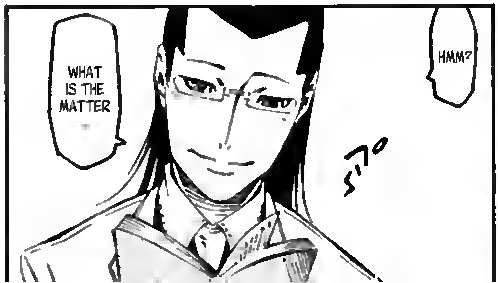
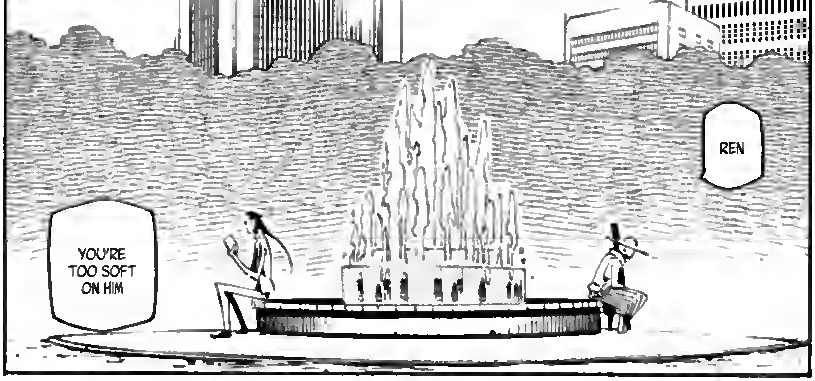
ZEROZAKI SOUSHIKI


HEY, REN.
HAS THAT GUY HITOSHIKI BEEN BEHAVING HIMSELF LATELY?


HMM?
WHAT IS THE MATTER

IF HE BOTHERS YOU SO MUCH, WHY DON'T YOU GO SEE HIM YOURSELF?
YOU'RE FAMILY AFTER ALL.
Hmph!
I'M BUSY IN MY OWN RIGHT.
...BESIDE
EVEN THOUGH WE'RE BOTH "ZEROZAKI",
IT'S NOT LIKE EITHER OF US THINKS OF THE OTHER AS FAMILY.
OUS?
"SEAMLESS PIOUS" ZEROZAKI KISHISHIKI


YOU'RE TOO SOFT ON HIM
REN

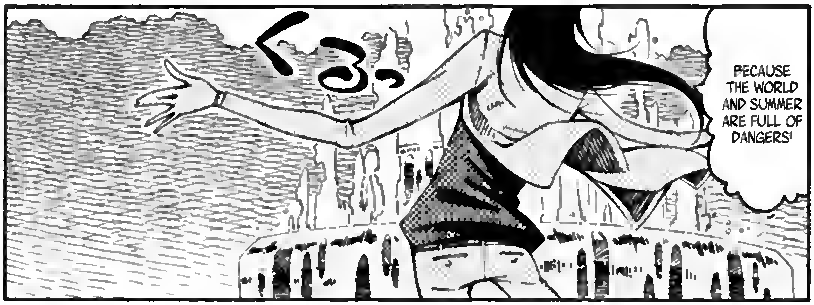
I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS TO HIM, BUT-
IF YOU LET HIM RUN LOOSE, HE'S SURE TO CAUSE PROBLEMS.

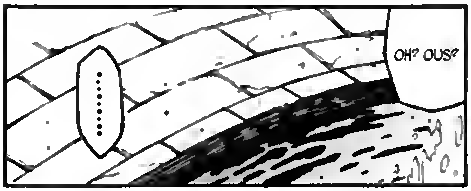
That a Zerozaki that's inherited Zerozaki blood exists. If word gets out, we're going to see some groups that won't keep quiet about it
That a guy like that
If by chance that puts the entire family in danger, then !...

I'll-
I GOT IT, OUS.

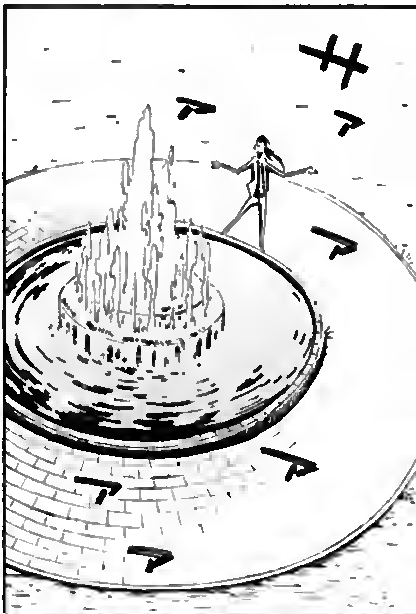
IT'S TRUE THAT IT'S ALREADY BEEN HALF A YEAR SINCE I'VE ACTUALLY MET WITH HITOSHIKI.
I'LL GO OUT AND LOOK FOR HIM NOW.

WITH HIS PARENTS NOW DECEASED, AS HIS OLDER BROTHER, I HAVE TO MAKE SURE TO TRAIN HIM.
I'D FEEL BAD IF SOMETHING HORRIBLE WERE TO HAPPEN TO HIM BECAUSE HE WENT OUT INTO THE WORLD WHILE STILL UNABLE TO PROPERLY CLEAN UP AFTERWARDS.
ALTHOUGH HIS MURDERING SKILLS ARE PLENTY DEVELOPED,


BECAUSE THE WORLD AND SUMMER ARE FULL OF DANGERS!


OH? OUS?

WHAT AN IMPATIENT MAN.



THE LARGE TATTOO ON HIS FACE IS HIS DISTINCT TRAIT
HE LIKES KNIVES AND ALTHOUGH HE USES THEM, HE DOESN'T HAVE A SPECIFIC WEAPON
THE FAMILY'S COLLECTIVE VIEW OF HIM,
IS THAT HE'S UNUSUALLY ELUSIVE AND DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND
ZERO-ZAKI HITO-SHIKI
HOMI-CIDAL MON-STER

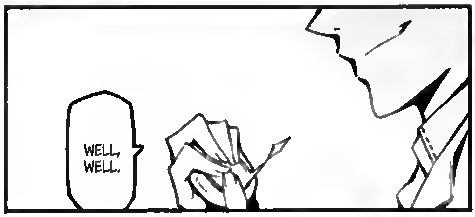
"DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND"... IS HE?
THAT'S RIGHT ON THE MONEY.
ALTHOUGH, HITOSHIKI AND I ARE THE SAME WHEN IT COMES TO BEING ZEROZAKI WHO HAD NOTHING BEFORE BECOMING ZEROZAKI.
THAT TALENT. THAT DISPOSI-
OUS ISN'T THE ONLY ONE WHO DOESN'T GET HITOSHIKI.
We're not on the same stage...
While we're in the same place.

THAT SOMETHING'S GONNA HAPPEN.
I HAVE NO IDEA WHO THEY ARE OR WHERE THEY ARE FROM, BUT WHEN I MEET THEM, I JUST KNOW...
THERE'S SOME-ONE I REALLY WANNA MEET.
I WORRY-
YOU'RE GOING TO END UP ALL ALONE.
AFTER WE DISAPPEAR BECAUSE OF SOMETHING LIKE THAT,
.....
ABOUT THAT.

Why don't you come out already?
I don't really enjoy being followed by men you know

HEY, HEY WE'RE BOTH PROS HERE, RIGHT?
PUT THAT BOORISH, THREATENING TOOL AWAY.
.....
YOU...

You're from the Zerozaki family, aren't you?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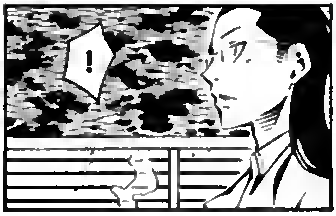
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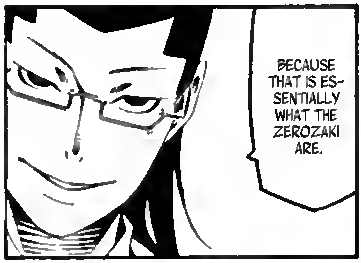
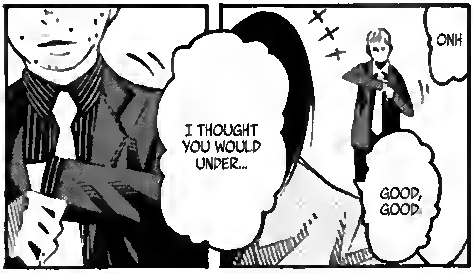

BECAUSE THAT IS ESSENTIALLY WHAT THE ZEROZAKI ARE.

BUT,

DO YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING RIGHT NOW?
ALTHOUGH WE'VE BEEN AVOIDED AS TARGETS BECAUSE WE'RE THE ZEROZAKI FAMILY,
THE OPPOSITE COULD NEVER HAPPEN.

IF YOU WITHDRAW NOW, THIS WILL ALL BE WATER UNDER THE BRIDGE.
LIKE THE WHITE DOVE, I'M A MAN THAT LOVES PEACE AND JUSTICE.
DESPITE THAT, I'M AN ADVOCATE OF HARMONY

I THINK THERE'S ROOM TO MAKE A DEAL HERE.
HOW ABOUT IT?
YOU WON'T BE KILLED BY ME AND I WON'T KILL YOU


I THOUGHT YOU WOULD UNDER...
GOOD, GOOD.
ONH

STAND
NOT BEING FAMILY, I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO UNDERSTAND FROM THE START
WELL...
WILL BEGIN-
NOW THEN, I-

ZERO-ZAKI.
OUS'S CONCERNS MIGHT HAVE BEEN RIGHT ON THE MARK.
SUR-PRISING-LY,
YOU'RE FROM THE ZEROZAKI FAMILY, AREN'T YOU?

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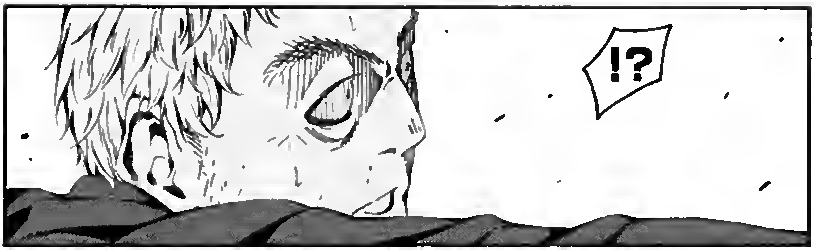
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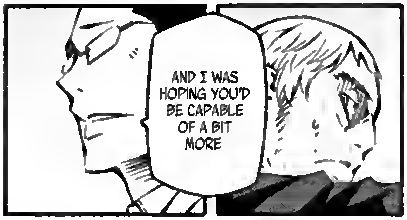
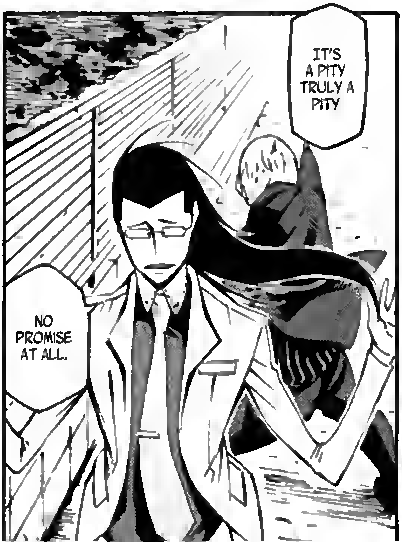

AND I WAS HOPING YOU'D BE CAPABLE OF A BIT MORE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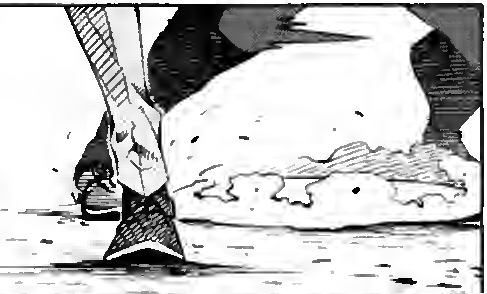
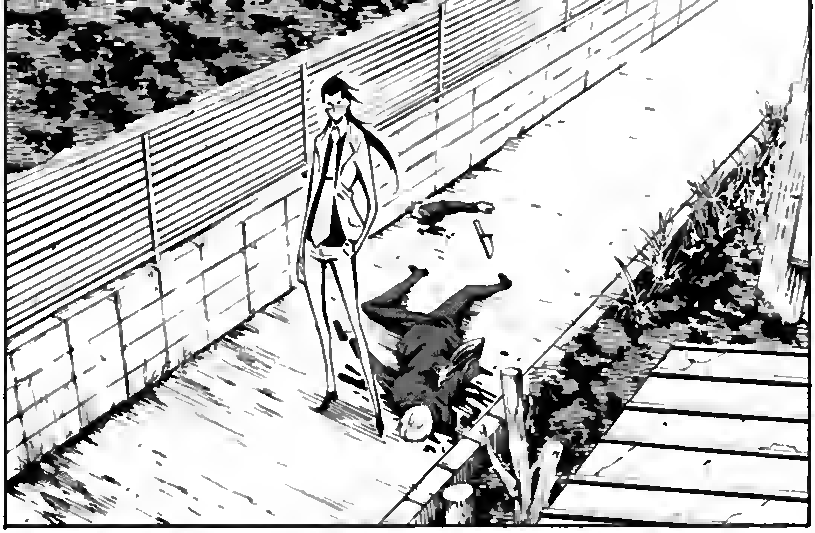
NO PROMISE AT ALL.

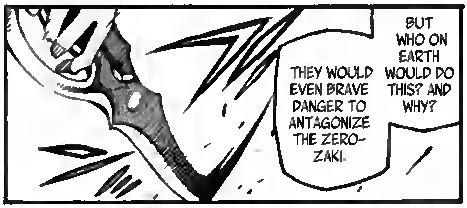


You~

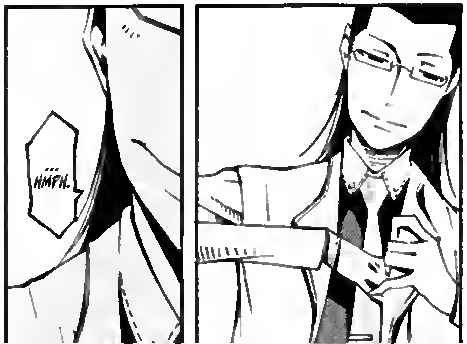
Fall"



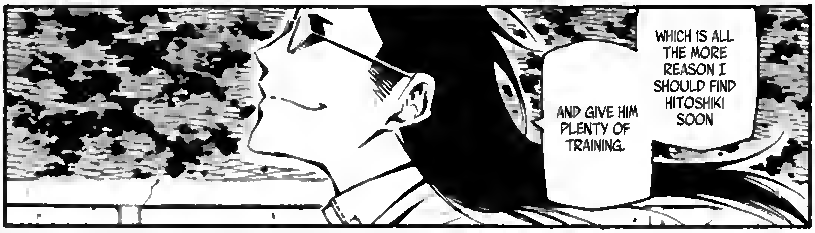
BUT THIS TECHNIQUE, THIS MOVEMENT.
SO THIS MAN
ISN'T A PRO AFTER ALL.


BUT WHO ON EARTH WOULD DO THIS? AND WHY?
THEY WOULD EVEN BRAVE DANGER TO ANTAGONIZE THE ZERO-ZAKI.

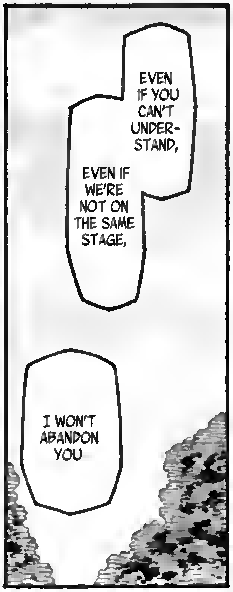
WHICH MEANS SOME-ONE STOLE HIS POTENTIALITY. A PITIFUL CIVILIAN~
I SUP-POSE IS WHAT HE IS.


...HMFH.

I MIGHT HAVE BEEN A BIT SOFT.
I'LL ADMIT IT.
VERY WELL.


AND GIVE HIM PLENTY OF TRAINING.
WHICH IS ALL THE MORE REASON I SHOULD FIND HITOSHIKI SOON

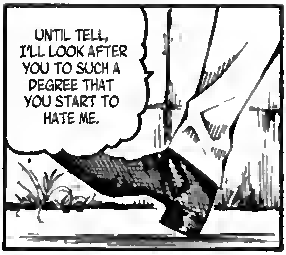
That acceptance is the start of a family
Because I know.


I WON'T ABANDON YOU
EVEN IF WE'RE NOT ON THE SAME STAGE,
EVEN IF YOU CAN'T UNDER-STAND,

I SEE.
.....
EVEN THOUGH HE'S A LITTLE BROTHER WHO'S TROUBLESOME TO EVEN ACCEPT,
THAT MIGHT BE EXACTLY WHY I'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO IT AS AN OLDER BROTHER
I CAN'T BE ON THE SAME STAGE AS YOU,
BUT AS YOUR OLDER BROTHER,
So.. an older brother is such.
Because he has a little brother.

I pray from the bottom of my heart, that you can one day meet someone.
Who can be by your side.

BUT AT THIS RATE, MAYBE I WOULDN'T MIND ONE MORE.
THEY OFTEN SAY THAT A CHILD IS CUTER THE STUPIDER THEY ARE.


UNTIL TELL, I'LL LOOK AFTER YOU TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT YOU START TO HATE ME.

IF POSSIBLE, I'D LIKE A LITTLE SISTER NEXT

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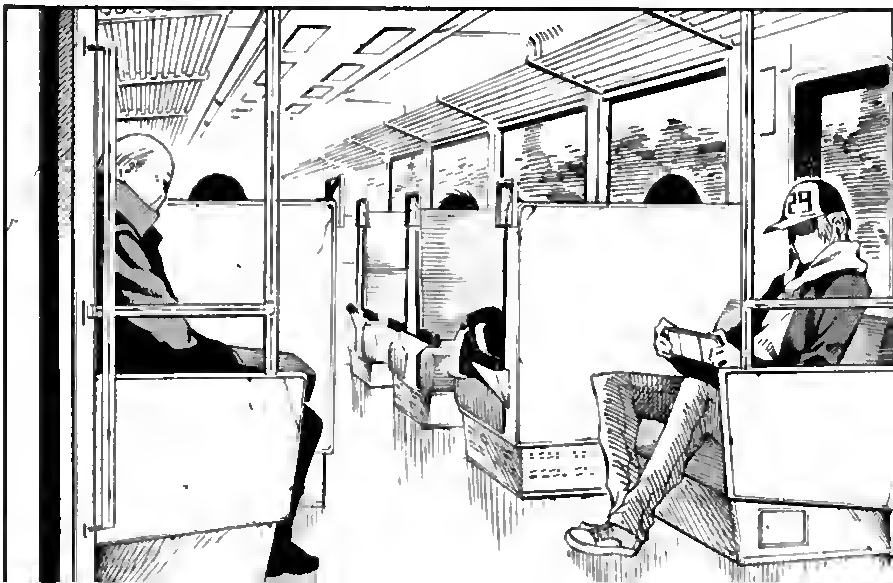

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HMM..

Ufufu

IT'S AN IMPORTANT TOPIC, SO MAKE SURE YOU LISTEN CAREFULLY

SINCE IT SEEMS LIKE YOU ALL HAVE BUSINESS WITH ME TOO,

I SUPPOSE I'LL GIVE A LECTURE UNTIL WE REACH THE STATION

YES.
WHAT I WILL SPEAK OF.
ITS "EVIL".

And so, if I were to suggest it, maybe I'd say something like "if you don't mind, please at least read 'Ningen Shiken'", with the intent of having you read just one book for now. Now that I think about it, I'm not even sure if there are other novelists whose works I've read entirely...

① Human Failure

This refers to Zerozaki Hitoshiki. In the "Zaregoto Series", sister to the "Ningen Series", the second book's title was "Kubishime Romanticist: Human Failure · Zerozaki Hitoshiki". In that book, he was called a "human failure"- well, he is homicidal monster after all. But having said that, even if each and every one of the other Zerozaki family members appeared in that world, I don't think they would've been called "human failures". Although the Zerozaki family itself is an irregularity in the underworld, even within their ranks, Zerozaki Hitoshiki was even more of an irregularity.

③ That's Ridiculous

Zerozaki Hitoshiki's signature phrase. It's unknown whether he really thinks of the things he refers to as being ridiculous. It's a phrase which corresponds to the protagonist's signature "I'm just kidding though" in the sister "Zaregoto Series" (I'm sorry for constantly bringing it up after saying it's all right if you haven't read it)- At this time, he's already met with "him", so he says "I'm just kidding" in the story.

② Faulty Product

This is what the protagonist of the sister "Zaregoto Series" is called- although, "human failure" and "faulty product" were only used between these two. They weren't necessarily names like "Mind Render". With these two being identical but complete opposites, like reflections in a mirror, these two series can indeed be called sisters (brothers?). But well, even if you haven't read it or know about it, it won't really be a problem. I'm going to go a bit off topic here, but looking back on my ten plus years as a novelist, I've put out quite a number of books, and I've come to believe that there are few people who have read them all. For instance, if a reader decided to read the original light novel after reading this comic version of "Zerozaki Soushiki no Ningen Shiken", there are seven books in the "Ningen Series" alone. It's quite an undertaking to read seven light novel books nowadays, isn't it? And the sister "Zaregeto Series", is nine books is it? That's 16 books all together. Even if you read 1 book a day, half a month will go by. If that's how it is, I can't just thoughtlessly suggest that, "if you don't mind, please read the light novels too!"

⑥ Sawarabi Hawatari

The eldest son of the Sawarabi siblings. Long sword user.

Although he fought in a three man cell with his Sawarabi siblings, he actually had the resources to stand on his own. And truth is, he was headhunted by the fox-mask man, but thinking of his unreliable younger brother and sister, he turned down the scout, or something of the sort. That was the setting in the original work. There was no one around him to teach him that what he did was similar to what society calls familial love. Although, it seems he held various ambitions.

④ I'll kill you and take you apart, then line up the pieces and hang them for show

Zerozaki Hitoshiki's signature phrase no.2.

Usually, before he says this phrase, there is a long preface.

He is a nice guy who would bombard you with all the reasons as to why he is going to kill you and take you apart, then line up the pieces and hang them for show.

⑦ Zerozaki Soushiki

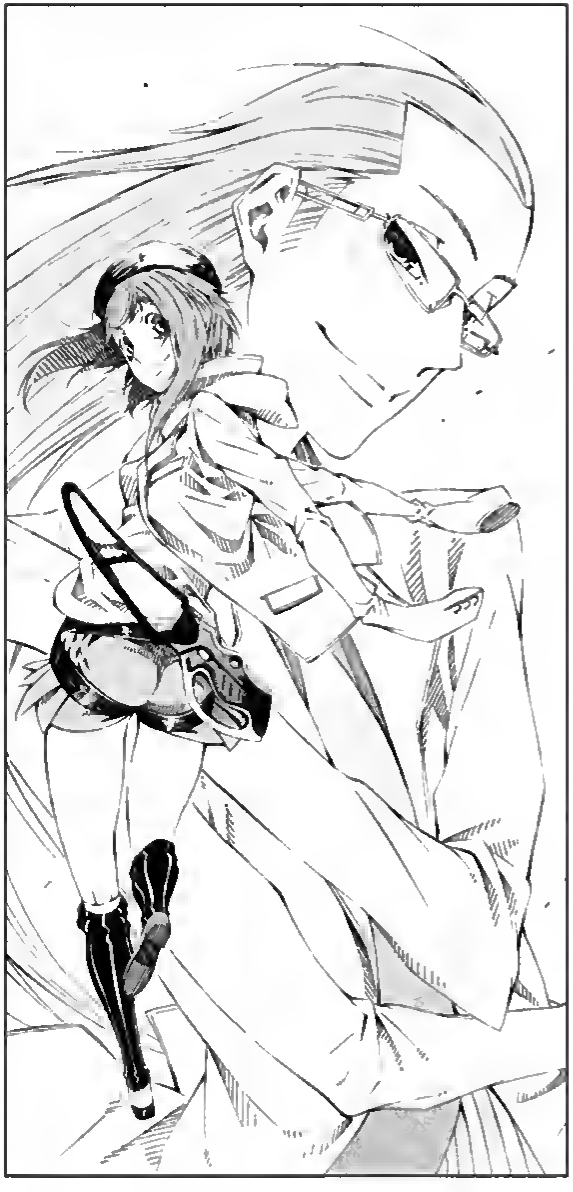
He died.
Though, he fulfilled his goal of finding his little brother. Well, I won't say much.

⑤ Limit Skill

I really apologize, but this also first appeared in the sister "Zaregoto Series"- This is a technique which made an appearance in the 3rd book of the "Zaregoto Series", "Kubitsuri High School Zaregoto Tsukai no Deshi". This is a vague recollection, but I wrote this "Zerozaki Soushiki Ningen Shiken" immediately after "Kubishime Romanticist" and "Kubitsuri High School" went on sale, so there's a high possibility there's a link there (I say it like I'm talking about someone else's work).

Although many string users appear in the entertainment world, I wonder how practical they really are.

Magicians surprisingly seem like they might be able to do it, but I wonder if cutting things to pieces is as difficult as one would expect.



⑩ Zerozaki Soushiki no Ningen Shiken

And so, that was the final volume.

Thank you for reading.
Rereading a novel I wrote 10 years ago from a different angle was a refreshing and interesting reading experience- I'm grateful to the Afternoon editorial department and to Shiomiya Iruka-sensei.

To everyone who read this as a new work, and to those who already read the original work, if you enjoyed the comic version of Zerozaki Soushiki no Ningen Shiken, that makes me all the more happier.

See you again somewhere!

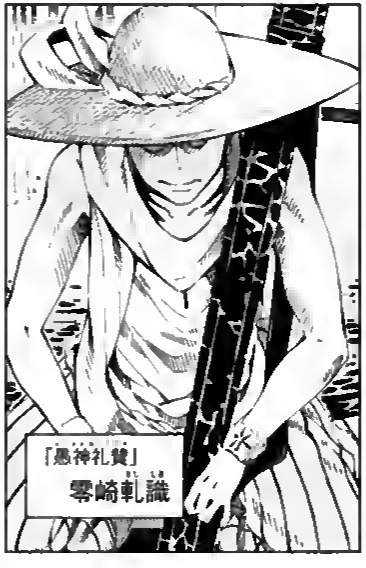
⑧ Aikawa Jun

Mankind's strongest contractor (the real one).

She received a request and was chasing after Zerozaki Hitoshiki (from "Kubishime Romanticist").

Whether in the sister series or this one, because she always carries the image of the strongest, she's an unmanageable character, of all the numerous characters I've designed, she boasts the highest level of strength.

But as powerful as she may be, she often fails at things or makes mistakes and even loses at times, so there might be a chance that Zerozaki Hitoshiki and Zerozaki Maiori will survive that last scene.



⑨ Zerozaki Kishishiki

He appeared in the bangaihen. "Seamless Pious" Protagonist of the 2nd book in the "Ningen Series", "Zerozaki Kishishiki no Ningen Nokku"- If Zerozaki Soushiki is a heretic of the family, then Zerozaki Kishishiki should be called a model. He is a proper homicidal monster.

... a proper homicidal monster?

This is the end of Ningen Shiken.
Thank you for coming along for the ride.
With this, that's one weight off my shoulder. If possible, see you with the next serialization!
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